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OF THE

SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

SESSION LXXXVII.

Chicago, Ill., June 7, 1916.

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America met pursuant to adjournment in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Illinois, on the 7th day of June, 1916, at 10 a. m.

The Moderator, J. C. French, preached a sermon from I Kings 18:1 and then constituted the court in prayer.

The clerks of their respective Presbyteries announced the deaths of D. H. Coulter, R. A. Boyd and J. Boggs Dodds, ministers.

Synod also took note of the death of Miss Mattie R. Wylie, missionary to Syria.

The roll was made up and is as follows:

ROLL OF SYNOD.

COLORADO PRESBYTERY.

Congregations.	Ministers.	Elders.
Greeley		W. S. Wylie
La Junta	E. A. Crooks	
	S. Edgar	
	J. C. French	
	J. K. Robb	

ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY.

Congregations.	Ministers.	Elders.
Bethel	H. G. Foster	Robt. Miller
Bloomington	J. M. Coleman	Jas. Moore
Oakdale	W. O. Ferguson	J. C. Thompson
Old Bethel		L. M. Patterson
Princeton	*M. S. McMillan	J. D. Latham
Selma	S. F. Kingston	Walter Bell
	G. A. Edgar	
	W. M. Robb	

IOWA PRESBYTERY.

Chicago	T. C. McKnight	Robt. Stuart
Hopkinton		D. H. C. Johnson
Lake Reno	W. C. Allen	
Morning Sun	H. G. Patterson	J. A. Reid
Rehoboth		W. W. Twinam
Sharon	E. L. McKnight	R. J. Allen
Washington	S. E. Greer	S. P. Wylie
	*J. S. McGaw	

N. B. AND N. S. PRESBYTERY.

Cornwallis	Thos. McFall	

KANSAS PRESBYTERY.

Beulah	J. T. Mitchell	J. H. Mearns
Billings	J. M. Rutherford	J. W. Lucas
Cache Creek	W. W. Carithers	Robt. Popowetie
Clarinda	S. J. Johnson	J. U. McKeown
Denison	E. G. Russell	W. R. Turner
Eskridge	W. A. Aikin	W. B. Hay
Kansas City	J. M. Wylie	
Long Branch	Paul Coleman	J. B. McKnight
Olathe	W. C. McClurkin	R. C. Redpath
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Superior	F. E. Allen	Thos. McMillan
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W. S. Fulton_____
Isaiah Faris_____
H. G. McConaughy_
*S. M. Morrow_____

NEW YORK PRESBYTERY.

Congregations.	Ministers.	Elders.
Bovina	T. E. Graham	
Brooklyn	R. C. Montgomery	Evan W. Jones
Goldenham	R. J. Dodds	
Montclair		J. W. Pritchard
First Boston	W. J. McKnight	J. M. Edgar
Second Boston	J. M. Foster	Walter Ross
Second New York	A. A. Samson	R. J. Bole
Third New York	*F. M. Foster	A. D. McNeill
Walton	A. A. Johnston	
	*Thos. Patton	

OHIO PRESBYTERY.

Bellecenter	R. W. Piper	Robt. M. Rambo
Bellefontain	J. M. Faris	Geo. I. Aikin
Cedarville		W. R. Sterrett
Cincinnati	F. F. Reade	
Hetherton	W. G. Robb	
Jonathan's Creek	W. C. Coleman	
Southfield		*J. M. Henning
United Miami	R. Hargrave	D. C. Patterson
Utica	A. M. Thompson	D. O. Torrens
	E. C. Mitchell	

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY.

Philadelphia, 2nd	J. C. McFeeters	Jas. R. Dill
Philadephia, 3rd	F. M. Wilson	
Jewish M. S.	R. A. Blair	

PACIFIC COAST PRESBYTERY.

Content		Jas. A. Ewing
Regina		*M. S. Bell
Santa Ana		T. L. Faris
Seattle	T. M. Slater	*D. D. Mearns
Winnipeg	D. B. Elsey	*S. R. McKelvey

PITTSBURG PRESBYTERY.

Congregations.	Ministers.	Elders.
Allegheny	W. J. Coleman	T. H. Martin
Beaver Falls	J. B. Tweed	J. E. Dodds
College Hill	*R. H. Martin	J. Walker Wilson
Geneva	J. C. Slater	Robt. McKnight
East End	E. K. Patton	R. A. M. Steele
Mercer	W. T. K. Thompson	
Miller's Run	S. G. Conner	
New Alexandria	D. C. Mathews	J. M. Brown
New Castle		O. C. Orr
Pine Creek	*A. Kilpatrick	
Union	A. Kilpatrick	
Parnassus	Robt. Park	M. R. Mahaffy
Pittsburg	T. H. Acheson	J. S. Tibby
Wilkinsburg	R. J. G. McKnight	
Youngstown	J. M. Johnson	
	T. J. Allen	
	*J. S. Martin	
	D. B. Wilson	
	R. C. Wylie	
	J. R. Wylie	
	I. A. Blackwood	
	A. J. McFarland, Sr.	
	*D. R. Taggart	

ROCHESTER PRESBYTERY.

Almonte	Jas. McCune	
Lochiel	*J. R. Latimer	
Syracuse	A. A. Wylie	Chas. Dougal
York	W. J. Sanderson	Jas. Milligan
	J. B. Gilmore	

*Not present at the constitution of the court.

Ministers Absent—W. J. McBurney, H. B. McMillan, J. T. Wilson G. R. Steele, Geo. S. Coleman, R. E. Wilson, J. R. W. Stevenson, S. R. Wallace, J. W. Dill, G. R. McBurney, A. J. McFarland, Jr., J. Ralston Wylie, Owen F. Thomp-

son, M. M. Pearce, P. J. McDonald, G. N. Greer, J. G. Reed, John Yates, R. C. Allen, J. C. K. Faris, W. H. George, W. P. Johnston, Geo. Kennedy, D. C. Martin, T. A. McElwain, R. J. McIsaac, J. L. Pinkerton, B. M. Sharp, John H. Pritchard, John Carlisle, D. C. Faris, S. G. Shaw, J. R. Thompson, R. M. Sommerville, A. I. Robb, Julius Kempf, T. A. Rusk, Walter McCarroll, D. O. Jack, John Coleman, T. C. Sproul, J. S. Thompson, F. D. Frazer, J. M. Armour, Wm. McFarland, E. M. Elsey, S. J. Crow, P. P. Boyd, J. S. Stewart, S. B. Houston, Robt. Clarke—51.

Congregations Not Represented—Londonderry, Muskingum and Tomica, First Philadelhlhia, Hemet, Los Angeles, Portland, Fairgrove, New Concord, Cedar Lake, Adamsville and Middletown, Bear Run and Mahoning, Brookland, Central Allegheny, Faith, Clarksburg, Connelsville, Little Beaver, Rehoboth, Pa., Slippery Rock, Barnesville, St. John, McKeesport and Monongahela, North Union, Oil Creek, Lisbon, Denver, Evans, Church Hill, St. Louis, Vernon, Hickory Grove, Hebron, Tabor, Cambridge, Barnet, First Newburgh, Second Newburgh, White Lake, Ryegate —39.

J. K. Robb was chosen Moderator. The Clerk and Assistant Clerk were re-elected.

The Committee on Order of Business reported. The report was recommitted. Recess till 1:30. Prayer by T. M. Slater.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Same Place, 1:30 P. M.

Synod reconvened and Elder T. H. Martin offered prayer. Roll call.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved. Elder J. M. Henning, of the Southfield congregation, presented his certificate and his name was added to the roll.

Committee on Order of Business reported. The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

WEDNESDAY, 10:00 A. M. Sermon by retiring Moderator; Constitution of the Court; Election of Officers; Report of Committee on Order of Business; on Devotional Exercises.

2:00 P. M. Committee on Unfinished Business; Report of Boards; Synod's Board of Trustees; Woman's Association; Church Erection; Control.

7:30 P. M. Memorial Services.

THURSDAY, 9:00 A. M. Reports of Boards; Foreign Missions; Central; Jewish Mission; Sustentation.

2:00 P. M. Report of Committees: Witness Bearing; Temperance; Secret Societies. Report of Superintendents of Theological Seminary.

7:30 P. M. Conference on Education.

FRIDAY, 9:00 A. M. Report of Committee on Signs of the Times; Covenanter Members of the National Reform Executive Committee; Synod's Financial Agent for National Reform; Report of the Mission Conference.

2:00 P. M. Report of Committees on Systematic Beneficence; The Sabbath. Report of Secretary of Young People's Societies.

7:30 P. M. Conference on Foreign Missions.

SATURDAY, 9:00 A. M. Report of Board of Corporators of Geneva College; Trustees of Geneva College. Reports of Presbyteries. Report of Stated Clerk.

MONDAY, 9:00 A. M. Reports of Committees on Foreign Missions and Home Missions.

2:00 P. M. Report of Committees on National Reform and Theological Seminary and Geneva College.

7:30 P. M. Conference on Centennial of American Bible Society.

TUESDAY, 9:00 A. M. Reports of Committees; Finance; Supplies; Traveling Fund.

2:00 P. M. Reports of Committees: Records of Presbyteries; Discipline; Foreign Correspondence.

Recommendations.

1. That the hours of business be from 9:00 A. M. to 12:00 Noon, and from 2:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M. The first half hour of the morning to be given to Devotional Services.

2. That all speeches be limited to five minutes except in the case of persons appointed to represent Boards and special causes; that these be limited to fifteen minutes each; if two representatives, ten minutes each.

3. That 300 copies of the Order of Business be printed, together with the program for devotional services and the Order of Services for the Sabbath.

J. M. WYLIE, Chairman. J. D. EDGAR,
D. H. ELLIOTT, W. J. MARSHALL,
A. F. REID.

R. A. M. Steele was appointed permanent precentor of Synod with permission to participate in the traveling fund.

The report of the Committee on Devotional Exercises was presented and adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

Your Committee on Devotional Exercises would respectfully recommend: First, that all the members of Synod organize themselves in small prayer circles of ten or twelve in a group, each group being made up of those who may be conveniently located together, and meeting every day for at least fifteen minutes prayer, either in the room of some of the members of the group, or in one of the rooms of the church.

Second, that the first half hour of the morning session, immediately following the roll call, be spent in devotional exercises, and that the program for these exercises be as follows:

Thursday.

"LEADERSHIP."—Prayer for such surrender to Christ, for such yielding to the Spirit of the Lord as shall endue us with the essential qualifications of leadership in His work. Isaiah 11:8; Acts 9-6. Leader, Elmer Russell.

Friday.

"FELLOWSHIP."—Prayer that the power of the Holy Ghost may be manifested in the love and unity of His people, and their testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ. I Peter 1:22; Acts 4:33. Leader, F. F. Reade.

Saturday.

"RESPONSIBILITY."—Prayer that God give to us the grace and wisdom to realize the tremendous responsibility which rests upon those whom He has set to be watchmen upon the walls of Zion. Ezek. 33:7-9. Leader, Boyd Tweed.

Monday.

"MORE LABORERS."—Prayer that more young men may be led to consecrate their lives to the ministry. Matt. 9:37-38. Leader, Dr. T. H. Acheson.

Tuesday.

"GREATER LIBERALITY."—Prayer for greater liberality among the individual membership of the church, that they may seek to know its needs in the overdrawn treasuries of its missions and reform work. Mal. 3:10; II Cor. 9:7. Leader, F. E. Allen.

T. C. McKNIGHT,
W. J. McBURNEY,
M. S. McMILLAN,
WILLIAM PEARCE,
D. S. ANDERSON.

Committee on Unfinished Business reported. Report was taken up item by item for consideration.

Items 1, 2, 5, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, attended to.

Item 3 was attended to in part. It was resolved that a special committee be appointed to receive and consider suggested changes and report at this meeting of Synod.

Item 4, being not attended to, was left in the hands of the committee.

Item 6. The committee reported and the report was taken up item by item for adoption. The first item was

amended and adopted. The second and the fifth were recommitted for more explicit statement, three members being added to the committee for this purpose. The third item was adopted.

Items 7 and 8 were laid on the table.

Item 12. The committee was continued.

Item 16. The committee reported. The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CELEBRATION OF AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY CENTENNIAL.

Committee to co-operate with the American Bible Society in preparing suitable exercises in commemoration of the centennial of the society's organization and work would respectfully report:

That your committee carried out the instructions of Synod and, with similar committees from other churches, co-operated with the Society in outlining steps in preparation for Centennial exercises which were deeply interesting and worthy of the great occasion and the great work accomplished by the American Bible Society during the Century.

As Synod directed, the chairman of the committee presented to the Society Synod's greetings, as follows:

To the American Bible Society, Mr. James M. Wood, President; Drs. Fox, Haven and Chamberlain, Secretaries:—

Dear Brethren: The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church charged the undersigned to bear to you, the President and Officers and members of the American Bible Society, on this the Centennial of the Society, its most cordial and sincere greetings. Your great work is most heartily recognized by the Synod and members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. Your devotion these One Hundred Years to the great purpose for which the Society was organized shows unswerving fidelity to a great trust. Your wonderful success in carrying the Bible into destitute homes in the States and Territories of the Union, and into nearly every nation and language under heaven, calls forth the highest admiration of the churches and awakens songs of thanksgiving unto God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

In presenting greetings and congratulations for the blessed work your Society has accomplished, the prayer of the Synod is that the second Century of the American Bible Society may witness a still larger blessing from the Lord, and an even more liberal and hearty co-operation by the people of God.

On behalf of Synod, and with much respect,

F. M. FOSTER.

Furthermore: Knowing the widespread, practically universal interest in the work of the American Bible Society, and its vital connection with missions; and noting that nearly all assemblies, conferences and Synods, are, at their meeting this year, holding exercises

appropriate to the occasion; and feeling that Synod would not wish to pass by the great occasion without exercises which would voice appreciation of what the Bible Society has accomplished during the One Hundred Years, your committee requested an evening, during the days of Synod, for a public meeting. Synod's committee, Dr. J. M. Wylie, chairman, having dates in charge, kindly assigned Monday evening, June 12th.

Your committee has, therefore, prepared a program for that evening, as follows:

To Preside—Rev. Professor D. B. Willson, D. D., who will also make an opening address.

Rev. J. C. McFeeters, D. D.—"A Century's Accomplishments of The American Bible Society."

Rev. A. A. Samson—"The Regenerating Power of the Bible."

Rev. Professor R. C. Wylie, D. D.—"The Bible as Unfolding the Kingdom of God."

Respectfully submitted,
F. M. FOSTER,
FINDLEY M. WILSON, } Committee.
HENRY O'NEILL,

Item 17. The report was presented and adopted, the deficit to be paid out of the literary fund. It is as follows:

PRINTING AND SALE OF 1915 MINUTES.

Fifteen hundred copies of the Minutes of 1915 Synod were printed by the Locust Printing Co., St. Louis, Mo., and were received in Pittsburgh, Pa., September 2nd.

1064	Copies were sold at 25 cents each	$266.00
12	Free copies.	
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Cost of printing	$277.20	
Postage, expressage	26.42	
Drayage	5.80—	309.42
Deficit		$ 43.42

JAMES S. TIBBY, Treasurer.

The report on Unfinished Business was laid on the table.

F. M. Foster and J. S. McGaw appeared and took their seats as members of the court.

The Moderator announced the following Committee on Nominations: A. A. Johnston, W. G. Robb, J. B. Tweed, R. J. Allen, J. W. Carson.

The selection of the Moderator's alternate to preach the sermon was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The appointment of committees to prepare memorials on the deaths of D. H. Coulter, R. A. Boyd, J. Boggs Dodds and Miss Mattie Wylie was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Presbyteries were granted permission to hold judicative sessions during the intervals of the meeting of Synod.

The report on Unfinished Business was taken from the table.

Item 18. The committee reported and the report was taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, were adopted. Item 2 was amended and adopted. The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSION CONFERENCE.

The Special Committee "to consider the qestion of doing away with the Mission Conference" would respectfully report:

There is no doubt that the present system of apportioning the Domestic Mission Funds among the Presbyteries, as carried out, is not promotive of the best results. The fault may be in the system, or in its administration, or in both. The Central Board of Missions desires that the entire work be returned to their hands.

Your committee is of opinion that possibly by changes in the administration, the system may be made more effective. "In the multitude of counsellors, there is safety."

The matter of Presbyterial oversight of congregations is in these days much neglected. The Book of Discipline provides in Chapter II, Section II:

"When Presbyterial visitations are made to any congregation, it shall be their duty especially to inquire what is the deportment of each pastor; whether he attends to parochial duties; whether he associates with men of loose principles or practices; and what is the state of his congregation; whether the elders regularly attend the meetings of sessions, and faithfully support the pastor in his ministrations; and the session is to prepare for such an examination previous to each annual meeting of Presbytery."

Synod has prepared Queries to be addressed, I. To the Pastor; II. To the Eldership; III. To the Deacons; sixteen to the I; fourteen to the II; and six to the III. The report adopted closes as follows: "Where it is attainable the visitation shall take place in the presence of the whole Presbytery, who shall keep a record of the answers given to the respective Queries."

"Where this is not attainable, the visitation shall be conducted by a commission of Presbytery, consisting of not less than two ministers and one ruling elder. The commission shall make a record of the answers to the Queries, and report the same to the Presbytery at its next meeting, with a statement of the condition of the congregation."

The Queries are minute, and are carefully drawn, and are to be found in the Minutes of the year, 1872, on pages 206, 207 and 208 of the Reformed Presbyterian and Covenanter of that year.

Your committee believes that faithful Presbyterial supervision would help all our congregations, and would tend to prevent some of the conditions which render continued aid necessary, and some which have led to the extinction of some of our congregations, that it may not be said, "My own vineyard have I not kept."

Your committee is not prepared to recommend doing away with the Mission Conference. We recommend:

1. Increased Presbyterial oversight of the business of supplying vacant congregations.

2. That five hundred of the Queries for Presbyterial visitation be struck off and placed in the custody of the Treasurer of Synod, for the use of Presbyteries, and that they be used annually in the Presbyterial visitation of all aid-receiving congregations in connection with the blanks of the Central Board of Missions, attention being given to impressing upon our people the duty of tithing, and the regular gathering of the contributions for church purposes into the hands of the Congregational Treasurer.

3. That Presbyteries be directed in this coming year to attend to the visitation of all aid-receiving congregations within their bounds.

4. That each Presbytery shall commit to the delegate to the Mission Conference the visitation blanks and the Central Board of Mission blanks properly filled out, and approved by Presbytery for the Mission Conference. This delegate shall present the needs of each congregation applying for aid.

5. That the Mission Conference shall meet on Tuesday evening of the week Synod convenes, and on Wednesday morning and afternoon, concluding its business and not acting for any Presbytery when the Presbyterial delegate and the papers of such Presbytery are not at hand.

6. That Synod do not meet earlier in the week than Wednesday evening.

Respectfully submitted,
D. B. WILLSON, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was laid on the table.

The Committee on Nominations made a partial report, which was adopted.

The appointment of six reporters for the press was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The committee appointed to arrange for the memorial services reported. The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Your committee appointed to prepare a program for the Memorial Services, Wednesday evening, of Synod, would respectfully report that we have arranged for the following Memorial Services on the deaths of the three ministers announced in Synod and on the death of Miss Mattie R. Wylie our Missionary to Syria for forty-one years.

To preside—J. M. Wylie.

MEMORIAL ADDRESSES.

On life of Rev. R. A. Boyd—Rev. Fred Reade and Rev. J. D. Edgar.

On life of Dr. D. H. Coulter—Dr. W. W. Carithers and Dr. R. C. Wylie.

On life of Dr. J. Boggs Dodds—Dr. J. S. McGaw and Dr. F. M. Foster.

On life of Miss Mattie R. Wylie—Rev. Samuel Edgar.

Addresses limited to seven minutes each.

J. M. WYLIE, Chairman. D. H. ELLIOTT,
T. C. McKNIGHT, J. D. EDGAR.

The Treasurer of Synod's Board of Trustees reported. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Report of the financial condition of the Literary Fund was read. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

A. Kilpatrick was granted optional attendance on account of illness.

Recess till 7:30. Prayer by J. M. Faris.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Same Place, 7:30 P. M.

Synod was called to order by the Moderator. Thos. McFall offered prayer. Roll call was dispensed with. The reading of the minutes of the afternoon session was postponed. Synod engaged in memorial services, J. M. Wylie presiding. The following action was taken:

R. A. BOYD

Whereas, God, in His providence, has seen fit to remove from the scene of his earthly labors our brother, Rev. R. A. Boyd; one who, though with this church only a few short years, had nevertheless grown gray in the service of the Master; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Synod extend its sympathy to the bereaved wife and children, and at the same time express its appreciation of his services to the cause of Him Whose he was and Whom he served; and, be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on the minutes of this Synod and a copy be sent to the family, accompanied by a letter of sympathy.

F. F. READE,
J. D. EDGAR,
Committee.

DAVID HACKSTOUN COULTER

Born—March 15th, 1833.
Married—July 10th, 1856.
Licensed—June 28th, 1864.
Ordained—April 18th, 1867.
Died—March 17th, 1916.

In early manhood this brother assayed to enter business and the Spirit suffered him not, the call of the Ministry coming unmistakably

to him he assuredly gathered that he was to enter the pulpit, and so with enthusiasm he threw himself into the work with all his splendid vigor of body and mind. He was well equipped for a pioneer, and soon he was in this work and was devoting to it force that seemed boundless; with a sympathy that entered fully into the privations of frontier life, with a cheerfulness that was contagious, a fine grasp of essentials and a power to make others see what was the best in the situation. He cheered people as he counselled with them. His example fired them with the idea that things that looked impossible before, could be done. He showed them that they could hold meetings and maintain preaching service and put up a church building and erect a lighted candle at a point where the darkness threatened to swallow up all, and he saw little groups of people enlarge their circles and he saw churches take the place of the school house or of the humble one-roomed home where he often held services. He saw boys, from homes where he had been a welcome guest, grow up and take a share of his burden as he laid his hand upon their head in ordination. He saw Kansas Presbytery with a settled pastorate in every congregation, and then he was allowed to rest a little while where he could look with satisfaction upon the work which God had allowed him to do and see the younger hands carrying forward the work in which he had so long been employed.

So this servant of God being full of days, with mind undimmed and interest unabated in the things around him here, waited unafraid for the Master's call.

God had still better things for him to feast his eyes on, and gave him the entrance into this glorious view and "He was not, for God took him."

W. W. CARITHERS,
R. C. WYLIE,
Committee.

JOSIAH BOGGS DODDS.

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church would record its appreciation of the character and worth and service of our departed brother and co-laborer Josiah Boggs Dodds. He was born in Fayetteville, Indiana, July 18, 1860. The son of Josiah and Belle Torence Dodds who for years gave faithful service in our church, he was dedicated to the service of Christ and trained in the Word of God from his infancy. At the age of fifteen he began public life as a school teacher.

By working as a salesman and in other capacities he supported himself while gaining his collegiate education. He spent some time in Geneva College but was graduated with the classical degree from the college at Lebanon, Ohio, and at once matriculated in medicine at Topeka, Kansas.

In 1892 he was united in marriage to Miss Myrta May Hazlett. Shortly afterward he received a call and was ordained and installed at Olathe, Kansas. After seven months in this field he was appointed a missionary to Syria, October 3, 1892, and sailed December 21, of that year. After eight years of labor they received a furlough and two years after their return were compelled to leave the work on account of the illness of a member of the family.

On their homeward voyage they stopped at Glasgow, Scotland, where he preached for two years. Returning to America he received a call from Sterling, Kansas.

In 1905 he received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Cooper Memorial College.

In 1906 a serious emergency arose in the Syrian field which demanded the immediate services of a missionary, and when there was no one else to send he cheerfully volunteered to leave his family in the homeland and go out for two years. Sterling congregation gave him leave of absence and on his return he resumed his labors as pastor of the congregation.

In 1912 he accepted a call from the executive committee of the National Reform Association to become a field secretary and for more than a year rendered an efficient service. Quiting the work he accepted the pastorate of the congregation at Greeley, Colorado.

In the midst of highly successful work he was called to his reward on May 11, 1916, after a very brief illness.

He was a man, sincere, devoted, optimistic, enthusiastic, warmhearted, tender, sympathetic. Children loved him. Men always found him easy to approach. His business career gave him a directness of address which was of great value in the Lord's service. His genial brotherly spirit always made him pleasant company. The sun always shone a little brighter when he was present.

He was a missionary. From his earliest youth God had placed the burden of the foreign field upon his heart. At the close of his medical studies he desired to go to Africa but the way was not open. He accepted with joy his appointment to the Syrian field and entered the work with a zeal and devotion which was crowned with encouraging success.

There was no service too lowly or any undertaking to great for his consecration. The salvation of souls was a passion with him and the evangelistic tone marked all his ministry.

Few who heard him will forget his earnest messages on missions or his appeal before the Synod for a volunteer to go to the relief of Miss Cunningham in Suadea or the alacrity with which he responded to the call himself when there was no one else available.

He was a pastor. Young in spirit he attracted the youth and had a notable influence in directing their development. Equipped with a big, tender heart, an apt use of the Word of God and a wonderful power in prayer, he was admirably fitted for the ministry of comfort. He won the confidence of his people and they were free to seek his guidance and sympathy. His experience in business and the world of affairs gave him a practical knowledge which greatly enhanced the value of his preaching and made him a success in soul winning.

He was a reformer. His clear vision of the Kingdom of God in its application to civil government and national life made him an ardent advocate of the principles and platform of the National Reform Association. As a field secretary for the organization he did a far reaching work in Kansas and Iowa and had a prominent place in the preparatory work for the Second World's Christian Citizenship Conference held in Portland in 1913. In the pulpit and on the platform he was a strong advocate, an eloquent speaker, a convincing reasoner, a brave prophet and always compelled attention. He rallied many to the standard of civil righteousness.

We not only cherish him in loving rememberance but feel stronger for the tests of life because of our fellowship with him in the

Gospel. He will live in the future activities and triumphs of the cause he served so loyally.

We extend to Mrs. Dodds who so heroicly shared his devotion to the Lord's service and to their sons our loving sympathy.

JAMES S. McGAW,
E. A. CROOKS.

MATTIE R. WYLIE.

Synod desires to place on recard an expression of our appreciation of the life and services of Miss Mattie R. Wylie.

Miss Wylie, our beloved Missionary of Latakia, needs no memorial; her service in the Lord Jesus Christ is her tribute; the fragrance of her memory fills the whole church.

Born in a home where God was loved and worshipped, she was early dedicated to the Master's service.

At the age of eighteen she taught school, that, in the spirit of noble independence, she might gain the means to complete her education for higher service at the call of Jesus Christ her Lord.

Miss Wylie graduated with honor from Geneva College in 1875. That same year she received her appointment to the mission field and sailed for Latakia.

For full forty years her life went forth in loving work and care in the Girls' School; among the women in the mission field; and among the children in the Sabbath School.

On January 9, 1916, the Lord Jesus, whom she loved and served, received her into the heavenly home to be at rest in his glory.

Miss Wylie's strong faith in Jesus Christ sustained her through many years of bodily weakness. The Holy Spirit kept up her strength mightily in the midst of much affliction. The physical health finally failed, but not her passionate love for souls. Her persistence in the work to the end was an inspiration to all about her and likewise to the Mission Board and the church. She wanted to expend her strength to the last breath in bringing others into the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus.

Miss Wylie was dearly beloved by the people whom she so faithfully served, the missionaries in the field, and the whole church at home.

She has received her promotion. The Lord has given her a place among them who serve in the presence of his face in the glory without weariness and without ceasing. "Therefore are they before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple."

SAMUEL EDGAR.
J. C. McFEETERS.

Synod adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Prayer by D. C. Mathews.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Same Place, 9:00 A. M.

Synod met at 9 o'clock and was constituted in prayer

by the Moderator. The roll was called. W. S. Wylie, H. G. Foster, S. F. Kingston, Walter Bell, J. S. McGaw, Robt. Stuart, E. J. Cathcart, Walter Ross, A. M. Thompson and A. A. Wylie did not answer.

M. S. McMillan and Thos. Patton appeared and took their seats as members of the court.

The minutes of the two previous sessions were read and approved. Devotional exercises.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Nominations—A. A. Johnston, J. B. Tweed, W. G. Robb, R. J. Allen, J. W. Carson.

Discipline—J. C. Slater, I. Faris, H. G. Patterson, D. H. Johnson, Chas. Dougal.

Finance—R. A. M. Steele, J. M. Wylie, T. M. Slater, W. M. Robb, Walker Wilson.

Seminary and College—D. H. Elliot, J. B. Gilmore, J. M. Johnson, J. C. Thompson, J. R. Dill.

Foreign Missions—J. D. Edgar, G. M. Robb, A. M. Thompson, R. C. Redpath, R. A. Bole.

Home Missions——Paul Coleman, Samuel Edgar, W. J. Sanderson, L. M. Patterson, J. B. McKnight.

Supplies—Robert Park, F. F. Reade, T. J. Allen, Jas. Milligan, D. O. Torrens.

National Reform—J. C. French, T. H. Acheson, E. K. Patton, O. C. Orr, J. E. Dodds.

Sustentation—J. G. McElhinney, J. C. McFeeters, Jas. McCune, J. A. Ewing, T. H. Martin.

Foreign Correspondence—H. G. Foster, S. E. Greer, E. C. Mitchell, J. M. Edgar, Evan Jones.

Place of Meeting—F. E. Allen, W. T. K. Thompson, W. S. Fulton, E. J. Cathcart, N. Patton.

Traveling Fund—D. C. Mathews and financial agents of the presbyteries.

Committees to examine Presbyterial Records—

Colorado; T. C. McKnight, H. G. McConaughy, Thomas McMillan.
Illionis; W. A. Aikin, W. C. McClurkin, T. L. Faris.
Iowa; R. J. Dodds, S. F. Kingston, W. B. Hay.
Kansas; Thos. McFall, W. C. Allen, S. P. Wylie.
N. B. and N. S.; R. W. Piper, E. L. McKnight, Robert Stuart.
New York; W. C. Coleman, S. G. Conner, J. A. Reid.
Ohio; Elmer Russell, J. T. Mitchell, W. W. Twinam.
Philadelphia; T. E. Graham, J. M. Rutherford, W. R. Turner.
Pittsburgh; A. A. Wylie, W. O. Ferguson, J. U. McKeown.
Pacific Coast; J. M. Faris, W. J. Coleman, E. S. Graham.
Rochester; J. S. McGaw, M. S. McMillan, J. H. Mearns.

Papers were called for. Paper No. 1, Resignation of D. B. Willson as professor in the Theological Seminary. Referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary and the Committee on Finance.

Paper No. 2, The Report of the Executive Commission of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches throughout the World holding the Presbyterian System. Referred to a special committee.

Paper No. 3, A group of unnumbered papers on related subjects from the Wold Alliance of Churches for the Promotion of Peace. Referred to a special committee.

Papers No. 4 and 9, being invitations for Synod to hold the next meeting at Sterling and Baltimore, respectively, were referred to the Committee on Place of Meeting.

Paper No. 5, A petition from the session of the Chicago congregation relative to the music of the church. Referred to a special committee to report at this meeting of Synod.

Paper No. 6, The request of Licentiate Anthony Kouri for ordination transferred from Pittsburg Presbytery. Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Paper No. 7, The resignation of John Yates as a member of the Central Board of Missions. Referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

Paper No. 8, Resignation of John Yates as chairman of the Committee on Young People's Societies and Secretary of Young People's Work. Referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Paper No. 10, An invitation for Synod to visit the business plant of Sears, Roebuck & Co. The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge receipt of the invitation and to inform the company that we hold continuous sessions, and cannot as a body make this visit; but members of Synod may do so as they have opportunity.

The report of the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report of the Board of Church Erection was read and referred to the Committee on Sustentation and Church Erection and the Committee on Finance.

The Board of Control reported. The report was re-

ferred to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Nominations.

S. M. Morrow appeared and took his seat as a member of the court.

Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was read. Referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions and the Committee on Finance.

The committee to review the proposed overture on tobacco reported. While action on this report was pending, the hour for recess arrived. Recess till 2 p. m. Prayer by J. C. Thompson.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Same Place, 2 P. M.

Recess having expired, Synod was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer was offered. The roll was called. The following failed to respond: A. M. Thompson and Walter Bell.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Papers were called for. Paper No. 11, A joint invitation from the congregations of Bellefontain, Bellecenter and Northwood for Synod to hold its next meeting at Bellecenter. Referred to the Committee on Place of Meeting.

Paper No. 12, A communication from the Peacemakers' Commission of the World's Presbyterian Alliance. Same reference as Paper No. 3.

Paper No. 13, A bill for printing. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The reporters were instructed to publish a bulletin of synodical news to be sold at one cent per copy.

T. M. Slater, I. A. Blackwood and R. C. Wylie were appointed a committee to prepare a brief statement of the Scriptural and Covenanter position on the subject of premillenialism, to report next year.

The report of the committee on the review of the overture on tobacco was taken from the table.

Having submitted a revised form of the overture printed in the appendix of the Minutes of last year, with the recommendation that it be sent down in overture to the sessions of the church, the recommendation was not adopted.

The Central Board of Missions reported. The report was referred to the Committees on Home Missions, Finance and Nominations.

The Board of Jewish Missions reported. The report was referred to the Committees on Home Missions and Finance.

The Committee on Witness Bearing reported. The report was taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1, 3 and 4 were adopted. Item 2 was amended and adopted. The report was adopted as a whole, referring the item of finance to the Committee on Finance and the filling of vacancies on the committee to the Committee on Nominations. It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WITNESS BEARING.

During the past year our principal work has been to prepare and push the Christian Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Last Synod recommended that our Lord Jesus Christ be recognized in the proposed Amendment as the Saviour of nations as well as their King. This change in the form of the petition which has been in use for many years suggested others which were prepared and, after adopton by this Committee, were submitted to the Executive Committee of the National Reform Association, as it was felt that agreement in this matter was very desirable. The proposed changes were agreed to by representatives of the Association and the latter part of the petition now reads as follows: "As shall suitably express our national acknowledgment of Almighty God as the source of all Authority in civil government; of the Lord Jesus Christ as the Saviour and Ruler of nations, and of his revealed will as the supreme standard to decide moral issues in national life, and thus declare the nation's allegiance to Jesus Christ and reliance upon his grace, and thereby place all Christian laws, institutions and usages of the government on an undeniable legal basis in the fundamental law of the land."

We have had fifteen thousand copies of the petition printed and

about half of these have been sent out. We have made request that these petitions when signed be sent in directly to Congress, because we believe that Senators and Representatives are more affected even by a few petitions from their constituents than by a great number from undesignated people and places. This plan also allows greater freedom, is more direct and makes us less prominent.

Some of the pastors in this Church have done great work in circulating these petitions and we have heard of none who have tried and failed. Some are planning to keep up this work all summer and use these petitions as an occasion to leaven all the neighborhood with their principles. The time has never been so ripe for such an agitation. The war is destroying the visionary philosophy that has been in the air. Spiritually-minded people are feeling the need of national righteousness and are realizing that God's righteous judgment may soon fall on us.

We need to get away from legal considerations as of the first importance and make our appeal more spiritual. This is helped by the conception that we are not simply after a change in law, but after a change in the life that makes the law. This joins together the whole work of the church, making Witness Bearing a part of home mission work and there is no division between this and foreign missions. The field is the world and all phases of the work have for their end the enthronement of Jesus Christ.

This is a year in which politics will be in the air and when others are talking of their presidential preference, we expect to talk of Christ as King and give every Covenanter and as many others as we can reach a reason and an opportunity to take part in the same great cause. This will be our answer to those who complain that we are not doing anything.

The regular supply of tracts has been kept up, requests have been answered and tracts on purity of worship have been sent to many ministers. We have recently printed 10,000 copies of selections from "The Collapse of Civilization," an editorial in the Sunday School Times, in which the position is taken that there is not a Christian nation in the world, a testimony that needs to be realized as a condition of national repentance and conversion.

The Rev. J. M. Coleman has lectured in nine seminaries and colleges, having present, as a rule, the whole student body and sometimes a good outside attendance. Six of these were return trips, which shows that the first were appreciated. We regard this work in colleges as of peculiar value and we wish that Mr. Coleman could give it more of his time.

The Rev. W. J. McKnight has given thirty lectures, most of them on the voting question. These lectures are of the radical kind and the fact that he has the opportunity to speak shows that people are willing to listen to the whole truth. Quite a number of lectures have been given by friends of the cause and, if we had the means, we would like very much to extend this work.

The amount contributed during the year was $2,369.01, the amount expended was $1,899.77 and the balance May 1st was $1,087.21, which has been considerably reduced since that date.

The time for which R. J. G. McKnight and John C. Slater were elected has expired and their successors are to be chosen at this

Synod. We suggest that Thomas H. Martin be added to the Committee.

We submit the following recommendations:

1. That J. M. Coleman be chosen to the same work as before and be urged to give all his time to it, if possible.

2. That the Committee be authorized to employ W. J. McKnight and such additional lecturers, as the funds in hand will permit.

3. That the effort for the Christian Amendment be continued throughout the year and that pastors, elders and members be urged to take an active part in arranging for meetings and in canvassing for signers to petitions.

4. That all our members be exhorted to acquaint themselves with the principles of our profession and to do some aggressive work for the propagation of these principles as the only means of retaining them ourselves, of doing what we should for our neighbor and of being loyal to our Lord.

5. We request the continuance of the appropriation of $6,000 to carry on this work for the coming year.

W. J. COLEMAN, Chairman. JAMES S. TIBBY,
JOHN C. SLATER, O. WYLIE,
ROBERT PARK, J. H. McBURNEY,
R. J. G. McKNIGHT. S. J. JOHNSTON,

A letter from the Irish Synod which arrived too late last year to be read at the Synod of 1915 was read and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary reported. Report referred to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College.

A resolution relative to the permanent care of the grave of the late Mrs. Stevenson, of St. John, N. B., was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A resolution offered by I. A. Blackwood relative to the introduction of a course of study on the English Bible in the Seminary was referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by M. S. McMillan.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Synod convened at the appointed hour; was called to order by the Moderator and constituted in prayer by H. G. Foster.

The roll was called. J. W. Carson, Chas. Dougal, S. E. Greer, S. F. Kingston, R. M. Rambo, F. F. Reade, Robt.

Stuart, Wm. C. Stuart and W. W. Twinam did not respond.

R. H. Martin, J. S. Martin and D. R. Taggart appeared and took their seats as members of the court.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Synod spent a half hour in devotional exercises.

The Nominating Committee made a partial report, which was adopted.

It was resolved that a collection should be taken before noon on Saturday to compensate Synod's janitor and postmaster and typist for their services.

Paper No. 14, a memorial relative to the Terms of Communion presented by C. A. Dodds, was read, and by a vote of 81 to 38 action thereon was indefinitely postponed.

Synod appointed a special committee to consider the advisability of publishing a book, the title of which shall be "The Constitution of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America," which shall contain in one volume all the standards of the church with reference notations, the text of the Scripture quotations being omitted, viz:

The Confession of Faith and Testimony, the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, the Form of Church Government, the Book of Discipline, and the Directory for the worship of God, the Covenant of 1871, rules for directing the organization and proceedings of Synod; and also to have under consideration the advisability of amending the Testimony by striking out all the chapters the subjects of which may be adequately treated of in the Confession of Faith.

D. D. Mearns and M. S. Bell appeared and took their seats as members of the court.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Temperance was presented and taken up item by item for adoption.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, were adopted. The item of the appropriation was referred to the Committee on Finance and the filling of vacancies to the Committee on Nominations. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

A large part of the work during the year has been to provide posters for the school room walls of Oregon, South Dakota, Colorado, Vermont, Iowa, Utah, Arkansas and Idaho. The State Superintendents of Public Instruction in each case replied favorably, and a large majority of the Counties in most of the States replied with lists of the school teachers and their addresses. The demand for the posters was larger than in any year in the past, some of the places that had been supplied in former years writing to us and asking for a new supply of the posters for their school rooms.

A large number of very appreciative letters came to the Committee in answer to the supply of posters sent out. We consider these posters a most effective way to present the truth, especially is it valuable among the children to have these facts firmly fixed in their minds.

It is a striking evidence of the rising sentiment against the use of tobacco, that a great many of the posters selected for the school room walls were those referring to the cigarette and the use of tobacco. These were sent in practically every parcel sent to these schools, and this at the request of the State and County officers.

We also furnished the same sentiment on small stickers to a large number of people. The number of those in our Church that are using these is not as large as it should be, considering how easily they can get these supplies and how many people have an opportunity of seeing them when put on letters and other places easy of access.

The pledge cards ordered by Synod, (see Minutes of Synod, 1915, page 87), were prepared and sent to all the congregations who desired them. These pledge cards were in three forms, one against the use of tobacco, one against the use of liquor, and one combining these. We still have a number of these pledge cards, and will furnish them to any who may apply.

An effort was made to interest the Young Peoples' Societies in arranging and holding entertainments with the general subject of Temperance, the plan being that these entertainments should be given in the home congregation, and afterwards places should be secured in school houses and various surrounding territory wherever the young people could repeat this performance, and thus enroll themselves as witnesses for the right side, and also in a very effective way present these truths to others. Young people should be able to speak to young people in a most impressive way. This plan met with a cordial approval by a number of the presbyterial conventions of young people, and also by one Presbytery, but the difficulties in working out the plan seemed to be enough to discourage the people in many places, and the Committee know of only a comparatively few who actually carried out this plan. We believe, however, it is worth continuing, and would ask Synod to endorse this plan.

We also urged the ministers to study farther the influence of the cigarette upon the youth, and to address the schools in their vicinity, warning the boys especially as to the hurtfulness of this habit. A few have given very interesting reports in regard to the work they have been able to do, and some have reported no work done. We believe this should be continued by the ministry, and that Synod should stamp this work with its approval.

The view in the world at large of the liquor question seems favorable to prohibition, many friends are reported as turning to the side of prohibition wherever it is having a trial, but there are many complaints in regard to the violations of the law in prohibition territory. We believe that the use of the mails should be denied to all advertising of liquor or tobacco. We also believe that the Express Companies' books should be open to all who may desire to see them in regard to the shipments of liquor, and if this were done, it would be easy for any temperance advocate to have these names printed, and thus let the public know how much some individuals require for their "personal use."

The activity of the liquor forces is marked, and grows more intense as they see their stronghold in danger. During the year they have started a little paper, openly declaring that it is published by the liquor interests, and proposing to give "The Other Side." There are two things noticeable about this paper, the one is how hard it hits at prohibition, which shows the desperateness of their case, and the other is its great economy of the truth. The same thing is noticeable in the many ways in which the liquor interests are attacking and aiming to hold back progress in this direction.

The glaring and attractive advertising of the various forms of tobacco which are suitable for use in the "makings" of the cigarette, have been noticeable throughout the year. Some papers when written to about this, reply that they have to continue this advertising in order that the paper may run at the present price to the subscribers; others declare they will quit the practice, and some papers refuse the advertisements altogether; others fail to answer, and all seem to have reached the point where they realize that an apology is due for the insertion of such advertising. This advertising of tobacco has practically arisen since the State laws have been framed to protect boys from the destructive effects of the cigarette, and while it may not be an attempt to make law breakers out of the boys, yet it certainly is an aid to boys in training them to evade the law, and no paper that claims to be reputable can be very proud of an income earned in such a way.

The statistics giving an idea of the growth of the cigarette habit are most alarming, and no one can study them with any degree of satisfaction; and all who have an interest in boys feel moved to do something to check this evil.

We recommend:

1st. That the Sessions in connection with the Young Peoples' Societies consider the feasibility of holding entertainments in the various congregations and vicinity, on the subject of Temperance, and that the Committee be urged to assist in this movement so far as possible.

2nd. That ministers continue the study of the effects of the use of tobacco, especially of the cigarette, and use their best efforts to present these to the youth, especially in the public school.

3rd. That the Committee be instructed to prepare post-cards and distribute them as widely as possible, these to be sent to Congressmen, asking for legislation denying the use of the mails to advertisements of liquor or tobacco.

4th. That all patrons of papers that have advertisements of liquor or tobacco, be urged to write to the editors, asking them to close their advertising columns to all dealers in intoxicants and tobacco.

5th. We request the usual appropriation for this work.

The time for which M. M. Pearce was appointed a member of this Committe has expired, and his successor should be chosen.

In behalf of all the Committee,

W. W. CARITHERS, Chairman.

Paper No. 15, a memorial from the Sterling session relating to a change in the tenure of church offices, was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Paper No. 16, An invitation to hold the next meeting of Synod at Seattle. Referred to the Committee on Place of Meeting.

The report of the Board of Sustentation was presented and adopted. It is as follows:

BOARD OF SUSTENTATION.

The Board of Sustentation would respectfully report:

The Board has held one meeting during the year. The receipts for the year have been $595.40, which amount is now in the treasury. We recommend that the money be transferred to the Domestic Mission account, to meet supplements paid out during the past year.

S. G. CONNOR, Chairman.
JAMES S. TIBBY, Cor. Secy.

The Committee on Secret Societies reported. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SECRET SOCIETIES.

TO THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Your Committee would respectfully report:

Organized secrecy is a growing evil and one of the most powerful influences in modern life. It is an institution, the encroachments of which, this Church cannot ignore without reaping ultimate ruin. Today Lodgism is meeting with popular favor not only on the part of the baser elements of society, but also on the part of those who are in sympathy with certain lines of reform. When a movement for the betterment of society is to be instituted, or a menace to our free institutions is to be combated, the first step is to form a secret society. As a result we have agricultural and industrial orders of different kinds, Knights of Luther and Guardians of Liberty. Modern evangelists hail them as among the agencies which are to establish the kingdom of God in the world, and pastors accord to them the honor of preaching to their members in regalia. These facts illustrate the tendency of the times.

In this report two considerations will command our attention:

I. The principle which lies at the foundation of these institutions.

II. The effect which these institutions have on modern life.

I. The principle. The Lodge is based upon the principle of

secrecy. This principle is condemned on the following grounds:

(1.) It is unscientific. The secrecy of the Lodge is contrary to the spirit of modern progress. The purpose of science is to delve into the mysteries of nature, and reveail the secrets which have been kept hidden from the foundation of the world; then to place the knowledge acquired at the disposal of human society for its enlightenment and progress. "The path of true science is above-ground and full of light, that of false science is subterranean and dark." Pulpit Commentary on Isaiah II, page 38, "Purgation of Judgment."

It is a "false science" which lies at the foundation of secret societies. Their methods are "subterraneous and dark." Their so-called light is reserved for the initiated. If they have anything of worth, they should throw it open for the benefit of the race, and not selfishly keep it to themselves, or hide it under a bushel. The purpose of modern science is to reveal; the purpose of the Lodge is to conceal. It is an anachronism in modern society. It is among the remnants of a heathen civilization, and belongs to the Dark Ages. It is altogether out of keeping with the spirit of modern progress.

(2.) It is undemocratic. Democracy recognizes the worth of the individual, whether he be high or low, rich or poor. It aims at giving every man an equal opportunity with his neighbor. The principle of secrecy has the opposite tendency. It tends to divide society into cliques and classes. It claims certain virtues which only the membership can enjoy, and, since only able-bodied men who have sufficient means to pay their dues need apply for membership, a large element of society is deprived of its so-called benefits. To speak of such a principle as charitable, or as tending to weld the divisions of society, is to belie the name. In the last analysis secret societies are unsocial in the true sense of that term, and selfish in their fundimental aim; all of which is subversive of the spirit of democracy.

(3.) It is unchristian. The principle of secrecy itself should be sufficient proof to the Christian. "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life," is a summary of what the religion of Jesus means to the world.

The barbarous oaths which some secret societies require of their members have nothing in common with the spirit of Christianity. To bind one's self under no less penalty than to have the body severed in two, the bowels torn out and burned to ashes and the ashes scattered to the four winds of heaven, and the body quartered and dispersed to the four cardinal points of the universe, savors of the spirit of the Inquisition.

Lodges are religious organizations. They employ many forms common to religion; altars, prayers, scriptual symbols, parts of the Bible and a burial service. But the essence of the true religion is wanting; the Lord Jesus Christ is left out. This is a practical necessity in order that the Lodge may throw open its doors to unbelievers, Mohammedans and Jews. Speaking of Masonry, Mackey says: "Its religion is that general one of nature and primitive revelation—handed down to us from some ancient and patriarchal priesthood—in which all men may agree, and in which no man may differ." That is the best that can be said for the religion of any secret society, and it lines all of them up on the class to which they belong. Any society of a religious nature which ignores the Lord Jesus Christ is

deistic and not Christian. Any good features it may possess but make it all the more dangerous, "for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light."

II. The effect. Since such is the principle it is not difficult to discover the effects. "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit."

(1.) The Lodge robs the individual of his freedom. Many a man who will not sign a note or put his signature to a document until he has carefully scrutinized its contents, does not hesitate to take an oath to ever conceal and never reveal things of which, at the time of taking his oath, he has no conception whatever. When a man joins a secret society, he surrenders in measure his freedom of action and freedom of speech, and, bound under barbarous penalties, becomes the slave of his superiors.

(2.) The Lodge mars the fellowship of the home. It introduces the element of secrecy between husband and wife, a relationship in which it should never exist. A young girl expressed the situation in her home as follows: "Father has gone to his smoker; mother has gone to her bridge; and they have left me to go to the devil." That is a crude way of expressing the effect which the Lodge has upon modern family life. The old family life of half a century ago has for the most part disappeared and the Lodge must bear its share of the guilt.

(3.) The Lodge interferes with the liberties of the State. In most of the nations of Europe Masonry has for years been recognized as a political factor. The Clericals and Royalists claim that Masonry controls the political situation in France. The separation of Church and State, and secular and compulsory education are attributed to Masonry. In Italy its aim is to exclude every Catholic from political office. In England and South Africa Masonry is rapidly becoming a political machine. Even in America where it claims to have nothing to do with politics it helps men into office.

The Royal Arch Mason takes the following oath, "That I will assist a companion Royal Arch Mason when engaged in any difficulty, and espouse his cause so far as to extricate him from the same, if in my power, **wheher right or wrong.** That if the secrets of a Royal Arch Mason are given to me in charge as such, they shall remain as inviolable in my breast as in his own—**murder and treason not excepted.**" It is not difficult to see how obedience to such an oath would thwart the ends of justice. Charles Sumner, in a letter to Samuel D. Green, Chelsea, Mass., wrote, "I find two powers here at Washington in harmony, and both are antagonistical to free institutions, and tend to centralization and anarchy—Free Masonry and Slavery, and they must both be destroyed if our country is to be the home of the free, as our ancestors designed it."

(4.) The Lodge weakens the power, influence and spirituality of the Church. Here is where the Lodge has its most dangerous effects. Time and money which should go to the Church are given to the Lodge, and as a result the power of the Church to accomplish her purpose is curtailed. A good lodge man seldom makes a good church man.

The influence of the Church is weakened as must always be the case when her members are united with unbelievers in sinful alliances. When the members of the Church are members of secret societies she loses her power as a witness, since her members are committed

to those things which the Church is in duty bound to condemn.

The Lodge is ruinous to the spirituality of the Church. Today, in some of the churches, it is invading the Sabbath Schools, and entrenching itself among the youth. As a result there are such orders as, "The Knights of King Arthur;" "The Knights of the Holy Grail;" "The Pilgrim Fraternity," and "The Cob Web." When the Church recognizes the Lodge she lowers her standards, compromises her position as a witness, and encourages men in a false hope of salvation—a salvation by works apart from Him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. In some denominations the Lodge has much to do with the settlement of ministers. It is not to be wondered then that in many quarters spirituality is on the decline.

Your committee would make the following recommendations:

I. That we condemn the Lodge as unscientific, undemocratic, and unchristian in principle, and injurious in its effects upon the individual, the Home, the Church and the State.

II. That we codemn the practice of those evangelists and ministers who recognize the Lodge by preaching to its members as orginazations, and by extolling its so-called virtues, as disasterous to the welfare of the Church.

III. That we warn our people against organizations among the youth which are fashioned after the order of secret societies.

IV. That we encourage pastors to present the evils of Secrecy before their people, and to make their congregations centers for tract distribution.

Respectfully submitted,

J. BOYD TWEED, Chairman.
W. J. SANDERSON, A. P. DONAHUE,
S. E. GREER, J. W. M. HART.

F. E. Allen presented the draft of a letter relative to the necessity of bearing testimony against secret societies which he moved be addressed by Synod to the Rev. W. A. Sunday. It was referred to a special committee for revision.

A motion that Synod provide for a conference on secret societies in connection with the meeting of next year was referred to the Committee on Order of Business.

The report of the Covenanter Members of the Executive Committee of the National Reform Association was read and referred to the Committee on National Reform.

Recess till 2 o'clock. Prayer by R. A. Blair.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Synod was calld to order at 2 o'clock. W. S. Wylie

offered prayer. The roll was called. T. J. Allen, R. W. Piper, Chas. Dougal, J. B. Gilmore, Thos. McKnight, A. D. McNeil, Robt. Stuart, Wm. Stuart and Walker Wilson did not answer.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

No Committee on the Signs of the Times having been appointed last year, it was resolved that a committee, of which F. M. Foster be made chairman, be appointed to bring in a brief report on that subject to this Synod.

Synod instructed the Nominating Committee to appoint some one to write a letter of sympathy to R. M. Sommerville, S. B. Houston, W. P. Johnston, D. C. Faris and J. R. W. Stevenson.

The financial report of the National Reform Association was read and referred to the Committee on National Reform.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence reported. Report taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, were adopted. The report was adopted as a whole. The filling of the vacancies was referred to the Committee on Nominations and the preparation of the tracts and pledges to the Committee on Systematic Beneficence. It is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

Your Committee on Systematic Beneficence would respectfully report:

In accordance with Synod's instructions a tithe pledge card was prepared to be used in the Every Member Canvass. The form was that of Jacob's vow adopted by the Synod of 1904. About 7,000 cards were printed and distributed among the congregations.

The plan of action was to secure the Every Member Canvass in every congregation. The aim of the canvass was to pledge our congregations to the Scriptural system of the tithe and the weekly contribution. Where a member would pledge the tithe we did not insist on additional pledges for specific amounts.

In the early Fall a communication was sent to each Presbytery or interim commission of Presbytery requesting that a Presbyterial committee be appointed whose duty should be to arrange for a conference in each congregation where the Canvass was not being made. The following presbyteries responded with committees: Kansas,

Pittsburg, Ohio, Iowa, Colorado and Rochester. Pacific Coast appointed no committee as the Canvass was already being conducted in nearly all of its congregations. The committees of Kansas, Pittsburg, Colorado and Iowa did effective work.

The Kansas committee, with J. D. Edgar as Chairman, successfully carried through a campaign by which every congregation was reached with a conference. Four teams were commissioned with a minister and a layman in each. The program was as follows: An afternoon conference was held with the elders and deacons at which the plan was thoroughly explained and the officers if possible committed to the system and led to sign the tithe pledge. In the evening a conference was held with the congregation, where the system was explained and the congregation prepared for the Canvass which was to follow. As a consequence of this campaign the Canvass was conducted in 11 of the 17 congregations.

The Pittsburg Committee, with J. Boyd Tweed as chairman, was authorized to hold sectional conferences. One was held in Beaver Falls at the College Hill Church. Ministers supplying vacant congregations were requested to preach on the tithe and some pastors exchanged pulpits and preached on systematic Beneficence.

The Colorado Committee, with Jas. Carson as Chairman, kept in touch with the work in all the congregations of the Presbytery with good results.

The Iowa Committee, with S. E. Greer as Chairman, reached a number of congregations with conferences and addresses and the chairman writes, that the most of the congregations have at least made a beginning in the Every Member Canvass this year.

Where the presbyteries have taken hold of this work it has been a success.

Early in the year 1916, a letter was sent to each congregation not reached by a conference emphasizing Synod's plan and instructions, setting up the goal, "Every Member a Tither." With this letter we included a note to the pastor requesting him to have the letter publicly read and to hold a conference with his officers for the purpose of arranging for the canvass. Accompanying each letter we forwarded pledge cards to be used in the Canvass and literature setting forth the plan. Later in the year another communication was sent asking each congregation for a report. The replies show a number to be enthusiastic for the plan and are loud in their praises of what it has done for their congregation. Others, while disappointed in results, said that in a number of ways it had done good. A very few could see no benefit in the Canvass. Seventy-one replies were received. It may be fair to infer that those not replying did not conduct the Canvass. The returns by presbyteries are as follows:

Pacific Coast—Eight replies, 7 canvasses, increase of tithers 82.
Colorado—Four replies, 4 canvasses, increased tithers 14.
Kansas—Seventeen replies, 11 canvasses, increased tithers 162.
Iowa—Seven replies, 4 canvasses, increased tithers 18.
Illinois—Four replies, 3 canvasses, increased tithers 86.
Ohio—Eight replies, 2 canvasses, decrease of tithers 25.
Rochester—Two replies, one canvass.
N. B. and N. S.—One reply.
Pittsburgh—Ten replies,3 canvasses and a part,increased tithers,79.

Philadelphia—Two replies, 2 canvasses.

New York—Seven replies, 4 canvasses, increased tithers 95.

Forty-one congregations made the Canvass—about 20 more than made it last year, with an increased tabulation of 511 tithers.

In addition to the above campaign, articles were supplied to the Christian Nation and the Olive Trees throughout the year.

We have met with two leading difficulties. One is the opposition shown by many of our deacon boards. One of the presbyterial committees wrote: "The elders were usually found to be with the 'progressives,' while with few exceptions the deacons seemed to be 'stand-patters.'" The second difficulty is the failure of many to properly compute the tithe.

We would recommend:

1. That our congregations conduct the Every Member Canvass with a view to establishing the tithe system and Weekly Contribution, and that pastors and officers take the initiative in this work.

2. That each Presbytery appoint a committee to prosecute this work within its bounds in conjunction with Synod's Committee.

3. That the following pledge be printed for use in the Every Member Canvass:

Recognizing that all we have belongs to God, I accept the Scriptural obligation of the tithe and agree to pay one tenth of my net income into the Lord's work on the weekly basis.

Name.....

Date.....

4 That Synod arrange for the publication of a concise tract on "How to Compute the Tithe."

5. That Synod authorize the publication of an Every Member Canvass tract for use in this campaign.

6. The term for which Geo. A. McKee and J. S. Tibby were elected has expired and their successors should be chosen.

In behalf of all the members of the Committee,

D. H. ELLIOTT, Chairman.

The Rev. W. I. Phillips, Secretary of the National Christian Association, was introduced and addressed the court.

The Nominating Committee made a partial report, which was adopted.

The Committee on The Sabbath reported. The report was taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1 and 3 were adopted. Item 4 was stricken out. Item 2 was amended and adopted. The report was adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE SABBATH.

We cannot preface this report with a prolonged introduction. We only wait to say, there is no more important subject before this

Synod than that of the Sabbath. In discussing the Sabbath it is assumed that it is understood it is The Christian Sabbath. Let us therefore, keep in mind that this article is dealing with the Sabbath under the New Dispensation, and not under the Old.

Notice, That its observance is based upon divine authority.

We are not unmindful that there are those who deny that the observance of the first day of the week as The Christian Sabbath is based upon divine authority. Then there are others who hold that the Fourth Commandment is no longer binding, and that the Sabbath under the Old Dispensation was merely a Jewish institution. But this cannot be true; for it was commanded to be observed and was observed long before there were any Jews. Neither is it true that the Fourth Commandment has been abolished. We hold it to be true that this commandment is as binding as it ever was. It does not say, Remember the seventh day to keep it holy; it says "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

We believe that this command makes provision for the change from the seventh day to the first day in the week, which is The Christian Sabbath. The word Remember as here used, means to keep on Remembering the Sabbath day. Thus the observance of The Christian Sabbath even from the standpoint of the fourth commandment, is based upon divine authority.

In further proof that the observance of the Christian Sabbath is based upon divine authority let us listen to God's word. "And after eight days his disciples were within, and Thomas was with them; then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, peace be unto you. And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his preaching until midnight. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as the Lord hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. I was in the spirit on the Lord's day." The apostles observed the first day of the week as the Christian Sabbath because they believed it was based upon divine authority; and this is true of the Christian church through all the ages.

It is A Holy Day.

The seventh day under the Old Dispensation was observed as a holy day. Upon this day no work was to be done by man or beast. Let it be remembered that not a part of this day, but the entire day was holy. Seeking one's own pleasure, speaking his own words, and finding his own ways was strictly forbidden upon this holy day; and you know what happened to that man who disobeyed God's command and gathered sticks upon the Sabbath.

And now it follows that the day is just as holy as it ever was. Though changed from the seventh day to the first day in the week; there was no change made in the manner it was to be observed; it ever remains a holy day.

But instead of observing it as a holy day, it is desecrated and regarded as a holiday by the multitudes. Many use this day to carry on their business, others use it in pleasure seeking; and with others it is a day given over to rowdyism and drunken brawls. When we read of the fate that befell other nations for Sabbath desecration, might we not do well to say with Thomas Jefferson: "When I remember God is Just I tremble for the safety of my country."

But some may say while it is true the Sabbath is desecrated, we Sabbath observers are in the minority in this country, and it is therefore little that we can do to stem the tide of Sabbath desecration. We deny this: we are on the side of right and God, and one with God is a majority. When Stephen A. Douglass attempted to vindicate his stand on the slavery question in Chicago, he was met by a mob, and with all his logic, magnetism, and eloquence he could do nothing with the mob. And why? Because the mob was right and Douglas was wrong.

In cities where Mr. Beecher spoke upon the question of slavery, he too, was met by mobs. But Mr. Beecher whipped them; whipped them because he was right; and the mobs were wrong. We therefore believe that if we are in earnest about having the Sabbath kept holy, we too can be victorious over the mob who desecrate the day. "Stronger than the wrong is right; and right the day will win."

Moreover; it is a Memorial Day.

This nation observes the thirtieth day of May to pay the tribute of respect and love to those who fought to save this nation from dismemberment; and we say that this is right. If ever the time comes when the holy fire of patriotism ceases to glow upon the hearthstones of this Republic, it will be swept by the sirocco of disloyalty, corruption, and infidelity that will blast and blight it until it becomes an immoral Sahara where the flower of patriotism nad religion never blooms.

But in giving us the Christian Sabbath, God has given us a Memorial Day surpassingly greater than the one given unto us by the nation. This day commemorates Christ's resurrection from the dead; and tells of a tomb that was once occupied, but now empty forever-more.

Pagans boast that the Founders of their Religions are dead, and that their Sepulcres remain with them; but it is the joy of Christians that the Founder of our religion is The Master of death and the grave. The Christian Sabbath is therefore a Memorial Day, reminds us of His empty tomb, His resurrection from the dead, and is the proof and pledge of ours.

Once more it is a day of joyful anticipation.

With the dawning of the Sabbath, the believer anticipates going to the house of God. Here he knows he will be in the more immediate presence of God, and in the company of the best people in the world. Here his heart will beat and throb with higher motives, and he will be given visions of the heavenly and eternal glories that shall never fade until he sees them in their reality. In the midst of this, the angels seem to thrum upon the heart-strings of his heart; and from it there peals forth the heavenly music of a Sabbath Hymn: "How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts. My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God. I was glad when they said to me, Let us go to the house of God."

But higher than this present life and world is he borne in his joyful anticipation upon this holy day. They bear him up to the crystal sea, the deathless land, The Great White Throne, the unclouded, unbroken, and Eternal Sabbath that will never end in night; and whose heavenly anthems, and raptures will unceasingly roll, "In that Rest which remaineth for the people of God."

We make the following recommendations:

1. That we strongly disapprove of funerals on the Sabbath.

2. That we labor more earnestly to bring our nation into a close spiritual relationship with Christ in its Governmental observance of His day.

3. That we call the attention of our people to the growing heresy of Seventh Day Adventism and that we take definite steps to prevent its spread.

Signed,

R. W. PIPER, Chairman, W. G. ROBB,
P. J. McDONALD, S. R. DAVIS.

The report of the Secretary of Young People's Work for the year ending April 30, 1916, was read. It was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECRETARY.

The work in which at present your Secretary of Young People's Work in engaged has not permitted him to give sufficient time to keep in close touch with our young people. He has, however, had considerable correspondence with a few societies and given suggestions as to plans for definite work. Two societies which were disbanded over a year ago were reorganized and one new society formed during the year.

Our young people should be urged to study the communities in which they live with a view to personal service. There is a vast amount of work in every community which is not done because we do not know our field.

Respectfully,
JOHN YATES.

The Minutes of the Commission in China were read. They were referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions, and the Clerk was instructed to engross them on the minutes of Synod.

A letter from J. M. Armour was read, and D. B. Wilson was appointed chairman of a committee to frame a suitable reply.

The Committee on Bible-Reading Folder reported. The report was adopted as a whole, matters of finance being referred to the Committee on Finance and the appointment of the new committee to the Committee on Nominations. It is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE-READING FOLDERS.

Your Committee would respectfully report that the Bible Readings for 1916 were prepared according to the general plan followed

in previous years, except that they were made into a booklet instead of a folder making them easier to handle and carry in Bible. The morning readings in the Old Testsment extended from Psalm 105th to Jer. the 17th chapter, and the evening readings in the New Testament extended from Phil. 2nd chapter to the end of the New Testament and from the first of Matthew to the 17 Chapter of Luke. The Committee sent a circular letter to every pastor in the church urging the use of the Daily Readings. More were used than ever before. 35,000 copies were printed which is 1,000 more than last year and all were sold but 657. The receipts for the year were $46.66. Expenses for printing and postage $51.25 leaving a deficit of $4.59.

We recommend that a new committee of three be appointed to prepare folders for the coming year, and that this committee prepare a diploma to be signed by the Moderator and Clerk of Synod and given to all who have a perfect record in reading the daily readings for the year.

H. G. PATTEDSON, Chairman,
W. J. MARSHALL,
E. L. McKNIGHT.

The following action was taken on the

The Roman Papacy.

Whereas the Roman Catholic hierarchy is brought into public notice by the juxta-position of the five hundredth anniversary of the International Council of Constance 1414-1418 which condemned and burned at the stake John Huss, July 6, 1415, and Jerome of Prague, May 30, 1416.

And whereas Semper Eadam, always the same, is their proud boast now, as for the past twelve centuries.

And whereas the corruption and destructive hand of the priesthood is in evidence in American politics, as well as in Mexico and South American States, and the warring countries of Europe,

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That we regard the Roman Papal System as the Anti-Christ of the Christian Scripture.

2. That its presence in any nation is the would-be assassin of civil and political liberty.

3. That we regard its presence in Europe as one of the underlying causes of God's displeasure and wrath upon the warring nations and in Mexico as one of the procuring causes of the unrest and sucessive revolutions in that unhappy land.

4. That we lift our solemn and emphatic protest against the manipulation of our municipal, state and national governments by the priesthood and the willingness of the great political parties to betray our free institutions into the hands of these enemies for the sake of their hypothecated and syndicated franchise.

5. That we view with alarm the parochial school system that has been built up for the seemingly determined purpose to inforce their demand for a division of the Public School fund and so undermine and destroy our free Public School system.

6. That the witnessing church should importunately intercede before God for the overthrow of this mystery of iniquity, in the faith that they shall overcome by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.

It was resolved that Synod accepts with thanks the gift of $200.00 from the estate of Wm. Hogan, deceased, and expresses sympathy to the surviving widow and son, who have remembered the church in distributing the estate. The proper acknowledgment of this gift was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The expense account of the chairman of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was taken from the table. Discussion of Item 19 was resumed. The hour for adjournment arrived and the report was laid on the table.

Synod adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Prayer by W. S. Fulton.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Synod met and was constituted in prayer by R. J. Dodds. The roll was called. Walter Bell, E. J. Cathcart, Walter Ross and Robt. Stuart did not answer.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Devotional exercises.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was taken up. Discussion of the fourth recommendation in the report of the Committee on the Land Legislation of the Hebrews was resumed. Item 4 was adopted. Items 5, 6, 7, were stricken out. Item 8 was amended to read: We believe that the adoption of these propositions in our present economic system would work for the attainment of the ends secured by the land laws of the Hebrews. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE LAND LAWS OF THE HEBREWS.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church—
Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Your Committee on the land legislation of the Hebrews in its

relation to the present land question would respectfully report.

During more than a century the Covenanter Church has been giving her political message, if not always with enthusiasm, at least with persistance to the people of this land. What we, almost alone asserted is now generally admitted that our political and business system is the most unsaved part of our common life, but we have ever kept the faith that it would be redeemed by the cleansing power of the blood that destroys sin. We believe that all of man's life is to be brought into the kingdom of God, and certainly that part which engrosses nearly six-sevenths of his time may not be left outside. We beliveve in a political and an economic order in which dwelleth righteousness, and wherever unrighteousness is entrenched must the church of God make her attack.

It is the mission of the church, under God, to save this world individually and institutionally. This is witnessed by the provisions given by God to Moses for the regulation of the public and private life of Israel. In the settlement in Canaan, care was taken that each family should have a home. So well was this basis of family and national life guarded that the homestead could not pass out of the possession of the family. Even if misfortune or incompetence should cause its sale, it could not be permanently alienated, but was restored in the year of Jubilee. Only in the cities, where the traders lived, could a foreigner get more than a lease on his place of living, or a native get a lasting title to his neighbor's hearthstone.

What was the purpose of this entail of land on each family in Israel? Evidently it had a necessary place in God's plan to build up a nation to witness for Him. May it not be that He who made and knew the heart of man realized that the highest development of citizenship demanded a stake in the land? May it not be that a tenant population which holds home and place of earning a living at the will of another is lacking in some of the qualities that make up an independent democracy?

In our own land, once so liberally endowed with free land, there is but little remaining that is workable. When our young men grow up in one of our older congregations, the buying of a farm near the church often means a very heavy burden of debt.

It is true that it is no harder for them to carry this burden than for the stranger, often a foreigner, who gets it. But it is the hunt for cheaper land that is depleting some of our congregations of members that move into distant places and are lost to the church.

It is quite true that if men would put spiritual before economic gain, that this would not take place, but could they be held in the old environment, the spiritual element in life might be developed.

This is the problem, past or present, of every country congregation in the Middle West.

The problem of our own church is more difficult than with most others, since we have so few congregations to gather up the movers.

The families of our land are gradually losing what was thought essential in Israel, a home. In Omaha 84 per cent of the population live in rented houses; in Greater New York, 88 per cent; in Manhattan, 94 per cent. Two per cent of the people in Manhattan own homes that are free of debt. In 1880, 75 per cent of the farms in the United States were operated by their owners; in 1890, 72 per cent; in 1900, 65 per cent; in 1910, 60 per cent. If these influences are to

continue, our independent land owners seem likely to disappear. Already the greater part of our citizens are tenants at will. Now, if it was essential for the development of a people that would be fitted to witness for God that they should own their homes, it would seem that the Hebrew land laws have their message for modern times. If it is essential that the people have homes of their own, it should be easier to get them; it should be easier to keep them. If the Hebrew system was essentially ideal in its arrangements, then our modern methods of taxation and land holding must be out of joint.

Do the teachings of the Bible lay a burden on the church to preach a gospel to an unregenerated political order? It is the belief of your committee that such is the case. Your committee holds that wherever there is sin, it retards the coming of the Kingdom, and that the church should have a message suited to the need.

Your committee would therefore propose:

1. That Synod commends the land laws of the Hebrews as containing basal principles which recognize the perpetual proprietorship of God in the land.

2. That Synod commends these object of these laws: (1) that each family should have a home, (2) that monopoly should be prevented, and (3) that equality of opportunity should exist.

3. That we believe the direct command, "Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work," has its corollary in the social obligation to make conditions such that there need be no worthy unemployed.

4. We hold that each contributor in the production of wealth, whether individual or community, should share in distribution in ration to contribution.

5. We believe that the adoption of these propositions in our economic system would work for the attainment of the ends secured by the land laws of the Hebrews.

In behalf of the committee,

J. M. COLEMAN, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was laid on the table.

Rev. R. M. Russell, D. D., of the Moody Bible Institute, was introduced and extended the courtesies of the floor.

The report of the Mission Conference was read. It was taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1 and 2 were adopted. The report was adopted as a whole. It was referred to the Committee on Finance. It is as follows:

REPORT OF MISSION CONFERENCE.

The Mission Conference met in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Ill., June 6th, 1916, at 10:00 A. M. The Conference was called to order and opened with prayer by Rev. S. G. Conner. S. G. Conner was re-elected Chairman. E. K. Patton was elected Clerk, and S. Edgar, Assistant Clerk.

Attention was called to the large deficit in the Domestic Mission

fund. Five items were mentioned as a basis for estimating appropriations.

1. The balance overdrawn.
2. No Alexander fund this year.
3. The payment of the tithe by congregations receiving assistance.
4. A sliding scale, 20% reduction.
5. The prospect of growth.

Forty-seven congregations and mission stations applied to this Conference for aid, and appropriations to the amount of $14,455.00 were recommended to the various congregations, as follows:

COLORADO PRESBYTERY

La Junta	$240.00

ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY

Coulterville	$130.00
Selma	400.00
St. Louis (for pastor, or $5.00 per Sabbath for supplies	800.00

IOWA PRESBYTERY

Chicago	$500.00
Vernon ($5.00 per Sabbath in case they take preaching half time)	260.00
Lake Reno	50.00

KANSAS PRESBYTERY

Billings	$150.00
Irving Place	700.00
Minneola (at the disposal of Kansas Presbytery)	270.00
Robstown	150.00
Tabor	300.00

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA PRESBYTERY

Cornwallis	$400.00
St. John and Barnesville	400.00

NEW YORK PRESBYTERY

Bovina	$100.00
Brooklyn	200.00
Coldenham	150.00
Montclair (for pastor)	250.00
West Hebron	400.00
White Lake	350.00

OHIO PRESBYTERY

Belle Center	$200.00
Bellefontaine	300.00
Cedarville (for pastor, or $100.00 for supplies one-half time)	300.00
Cincinnati	200.00
Hetherton	285.00
Jonathan's Creek	175.00
Southfield	200.00

PACIFIC COAST PRESBYTERY

Content	$415.00
Edmonton (at the disposal of Pacific Coast Presbytery)	200.00
Hemet	300.00

Portland	750.00
Santa Ana	300.00
Winnipeg	900.00

PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY

Adamsville and Middletown (on condition they take preaching one-fourth time)	$ 75.00
Brookland (on condition they pay $175.00 or take preaching one-half time)	75.00
Bear Run and Mahoning (on condition they raise $500.00)	400.00
Connelsville	700.00
East End	150.00
Faith (for pastor, or $5.00 per Sabbath for supplies, full time)	700.00
Mercer	125.00
Pine Creek	150.00
Rehoboth ($5.00 per Sabbath in case they take preaching half-time)	260.00
Slippery Rock (for pastor, three-fourths time, or $100.00 for supplies, three-fourths time)	200.00
Youngstown	500.00

ROCHESTER PRESBYTERY

Lochiel	$400.00

The Clerk of the Conference was instructed to write the following congregations instructing them as follows:

Selma and Billings, requesting them to hold two services per Sabbath.

Lake Reno, commending them for the reduction in the amount asked for and urging them to become self-supporting.

North Union, explaining that the reason that their request was not granted was the condition of the funds and the small number of tichers in the Congregation.

White Lake, Portland and Bovina, urging them to make up their share of the salary owing to the Conference cutting down the appropriation.

Connelsville, recommending that they become tithers.

All other congregations where a condition is attached to the appropriation, informing them of that condition.

The Central Board was authorized to act in case Colorado Presbytery refers the matter of Denver congregation to them.

We recommend the following:

1. That the agents of Presbyteries be present on the Sabbath preceding the Congregational meeting and present the matter of giving.

2. That Presbyterial agents visiting aid-receiving congregations make special inquiry as to the reasons when the amounts contributed to the church schemes and other objects seem to be out of proportion to the amount given to the pastor's salary or for supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

E. K. PATTON, Clerk.

The Nominating Committee made a partial report, which was adopted.

The Board of Corporators of Geneva College reported.

Report referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College and the Committee on Finance.

The Trustees of Geneva College reported. Same reference.

The plan for the financial campaign for raising funds for the College in the Covenanted Church was approved.

REPORTS OF PRESBYTERIES.

The Presbyteries made their annual report to Synod, and all were referred to the Committee on Supplies except Philadelphia, which required no reference. They are as follows:

REPORT OF COLORADO PRESBYTERY.

Colorado Presbytery would respectfully report:

One regular meeting was held during the year and called meetings as necessity arose.

We have four congregations under our care. Two of these have settled pastors. The Denver congregation became vacant by the resignation of J. C. French on January 12, 1916, and the Greely congregation by the death of J. Boggs Dodds on May 11th, 1916.

H. B. McMillan is engaged in Sabbath School work. J. T. Wilson is superanuated. J. C. French has accepted the call of the Regina congregation and has been transferred to Pacific Coast Presbytery.

Our traveling fund is full.

E. A. Crooks is chairman of the Committee of Supplies.

We ask for the time of one laborer.

E. A. CROOKS, Clerk

REPORT OF ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY.

Illinois Presbytery would respectfully report:

During the year one regular and two special meetings of Presbytery have been held; also two meetings of the Ad Interim Commission.

We have eight congregations under our care. Two of these are without settled pastors. Eight ministers are on our roll. G. A. Edgar, having accepted the appointment of the Central Board as General Superintendent of Knox Academy, was released from the pastorate of the St. Louis Congregation, September 17th, 1915. June 8th, 1916, W. M. Robb was received on certificate from Ohio Presbytery. Mr. Robb is acting as Stated Supply for Old Bethel Congregation.

We have one licentiate, R. S. McElhinney, under our care; also one Theological student, Chas. Thompson Carson.

We ask for one-half time of one laborer for the ensuing year.

Our statistical report was forwarded to the Clerk in due time.

Our traveling fund is paid in full. W. O. Ferguson is Chairman of Committee on Supplies.

W. O. FERGUSON, Clerk.

REPORT OF IOWA PRESBYTERY.

Iowa Presbytery would respectfully report that we have held one regular and two special meetings during the past year.

The Interim Commission has held two meetings.

We have nine Congregations under our care, eight ministers on our roll, six of whom are pastors, one is a stated supply and one is engaged in reform work.

Presbytery asks for the time of one laborer for the coming year.

S. E. Greer is Chairman of the Committee on Supplies.

Our statistical report was forwarded to the Stated Clerk in due time.

Our traveling fund is full.

E. L. McKNIGHT, Clerk pro tem.

REPORT OF KANSAS PRESBYTERY.

Kansas Presbytery would respectfully report that we have held one regular meeting during the year, besides the meetings at Synod. The Interim Commission has held four meetings.

There are eighteen congregations under our care, and three mission stations. W. S. Fulton has been laboring faithfully at Robstown Mission Station during the year, and E. C. Mitchell has done acceptable work at Irving Place in Topeka. One other field is being developed under the supervision of the Stafford Congregation and gives promise of developing into a congregation before very long. All of our Congregations have pastors at present but Tabor and Wahoo.

Of the twenty-six ministers on the roll fifteen are in the pastorate, two are laboring at the Indian Mission, one is in the Levant, the rest are laboring in vacant congregations or mission stations as the opportunity is given them to preach. Two of our aged brethren have been taken to their eternal reward—Dr. D. H. Coulter, March 17th, 1916, who labored faithfully so many years in the interests of the church, and R. A. Boyd, November 21st, 1915, who spent the days of his fellowship with us in Stafford. We also have two licentiates and two students of Theology under our care.

H. G. McConaughy was released from Clarinda Congregation, October 13th, 1915. S. R. Wallace was installed pastor of Tabor Congregation September 3rd, 1915, and was released May 4th, 1916. S. J. Johnston was received from Pittsburgh Presbytery and installed pastor of Clarinda Congregation, May 19th, 1916. S. M. Morrow was received from Pittsburgh Presbytery, June 9th, 1916. Jesse C. Mitchell was licensed June 10th, 1915, and R. C. Adams, April 24th, 1915. Their full time as well as that of S. R. Wallace, H. G. McConaughy and S. M. Morrow is at the disposal of Synod. Isaiah Faris asks to be assigned to Kansas Presbytery for the year and J. W. Dill to the same field for the summer months. We request the time of two and three-fourths additional laborers.

Six Congregations had conferences on the subject of Education, according to the instructions of Synod. Eleven Congregations have conducted the Every Member Canvass and have found it very productive of increased interest in systematic beneficence.

Our statistical report was duly forwarded to the Stated Clerk and our traveling fund is full.

C. A. Dodds is Chairman of the Committee on Supplies and F. E. Allen is our Financial Agent.

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER G. RUSSELL, Clerk.

REPORT OF NEW YORK PRESBYTERY.

We respectfully report that we have held one regular meeting during the year.

We have fifteen Congregations, of which Walton and Montclair are vacant. Ryegate became disorganized by the death of Elder R. H. Gates.

We have twenty-one ministers enrolled, fourteen pastors, three missionaries, one a member of the faculty of Geneva College and one engaged in secular work.

Licentiate W. H. Shaw was given a letter of standing, October 26th, 1915, to the Lehigh Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church.

A. A. Johnston has resigned the Walton Congregation (June 8th, 1916) to assume the duties of Professor of History in Geneva College.

Cameron Brooks Reed was received under the care of Presbytery as a student of the first year.

The full time of Thomas Patton is at the disposal of Synod. We ask the full time of one laborer.

R. C. Montgomery is Chairman of our Committee or Supplies.

Our statistics have been forwarded.

Our traveling fund is full.

R. J. DODDS, Clerk.

REPORT OF N. B. AND N. S. PRESBYTERY.

The N. B. & N. S. Presbytery would respectfully report that we have held one meeting during the year. The Congregations of Cornwallis, St. John and Barnesville are under our care. We regret to say that there was no preaching service in St. John and Barnesville during the year. Efforts were made to secure supplies, but resulted in failure. As a consequence these congregations were much discouraged. We are pleased to report, however, that the service of a supply for twelve Sabbaths of this present summer has been secured. We ask for the time of one man after the last of August.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS McFALL.

REPORT OF OHIO PRESBYTERY.

Ohio Presbytery would respectfully report: One regular meeting was held during the year. There are twelve Congregations under our care, eight of which have settled pastors. William C. Coleman was ordained and installed as pastor of the Jonathan's Creek Congregation, August 31st, 1815. F. F. Reade was installed as pastor of the Cincinnati Congregation, September 21st, 1915.

There are eleven members on our roll. W. C. Coleman was received from Pittsburgh Presbytery and F. F. Reade from New York Presbytery, August 31st, 1915. W. J. Sanderson was certified to Rochester Presbytery, September 23rd, 1915, and W. M. Robb to Illinois Presbytery, June 8th, 1916.

E. C. Mitchell has been engaged as stated supply in a mission at Topeka, Kansas. J. M. Faris is stated supply at Bellefontaine. R. E. Wilson has been appointed as stated supply at Southfield for three months.

We ask for half time of one laborer.

The whole time of T. C. Sproull is at the disposal of Synod.

Our traveling fund is paid in full.

Our statistical report was duly forwarded.

A. M. Thompson is Chairman of the Committee on Supplies and John E. Foster, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, is Presbyterial Treasurer.

A. MELVILLE THOMPSON,
Assistant Clerk

REPORT OF PACIFIC COAST PRESBYTERY.

Pacific Coast Presbytery would respectfully report:

One regular meeting was held during the year. The Interim Commission held two meetings. A presbyterial union of our Young People's societies was effected and the first convention held at Hemet, California, October 26, 27, 1915.

There are eight Congregations under our care. Six of these have settled pastors. Content and Regina are without pastoral care. A call, however, is pending from Regina Congregation, the pulpit of which was regularly declared vacant July 11, 1915. D. B. Elsey was installed pastor of Winnipeg Congregation July 7, 1915.

There are eight ministers on our roll. Six are pastors.

We ask for the time of one laborer during the ensuing year.

F. D. Frazer is Chairman of the Committee on Supplies.

Our traveling fund is paid in full.

Our statistical report was forwarded to the Stated Clerk.

F. D. FRAZER, Clerk.

REPORT OF PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERY.

Philadelphia Presbytery respectfully reports: Two regular meetings have been held during the year. Three Congregations are under our care, each provided with a pastor. Four ministers are on our roll. Rev. R. A. Blair is in charge of the Jewish Missions. Rev. E. J. Feuersohn, having decided to enter the communion of another church, was given a letter of standing and his name has been removed from our roll. We are able to report progress in the Every Member Canvass; also in evangelistic work.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. McFEETERS, Clerk

REPORT OF PITTSBURG PRESBYTERY.

Pittsburg Presbytery would respectfully report:

Since our last report we have held two regular meetings.

There are twenty-eight Congregations under our care. Of these, seventeen have settled pastors and two have stated supplies.

We have thirty-eight ministers enrolled and five licentiates. Licentiate Anthony J. Khouri is in charge of the Pittsburgh Syrian mission work.

The committee having the oversight of this work report encouraging results and good prospects for the future.

John Yates was released from the pastorate of the Central Allegheny Congregation at College Hill, October 26th, 1915.

S. J. Johnston was released from the New Castle Congregation in the Geneva Church on May 9th, 1916, and was certified to Kansas Presbytery, having accepted a call from the Clarinda, Iowa, Congregation.

S. M. Morrow was certified to Kansas Presbytery on May 9th, 1916.

S. B. Houston was installed pastor of the Connellsville Congregation July 3rd, 1915.

D. Bruce Martin was licensed to preach the Gospel in the Geneva Church on May 9th, 1916.

We have one student of theology under our care—Boyd A. White.

A call from Central Allegheny Congregation upon R. C. Reed has been sustained as a regular Gospel call, and has been forwarded to the Clerk of New York Presbytery for presentation.

The time of the following laborers is at the disposal of Synod: The full time of Licentiates Robert G. Graham and D. Bruce Martin for the months of June and August, 1916, and May, 1917; and the time of Licentiate J. Burt Willson, for May, 1917. The full time of R. C. Allen, T. J. Allen, A. J. McFarland, W. P. Johnston, D. C. Martin, T. A. McElwain, R. J. McIsaacs and B. M. Sharp.

We ask for the full time of three laborers.

Our statistical report was forwarded to Synod's Clerk.

Synod's traveling fund is paid in full.

D. C. Mathews is Chairman of Committee on Supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. K. THOMPSON, Clerk.

REPORT OF ROCHESTER PRESBYTERY.

Rochester Presbytery would respectfully report:

We held one stated meeting in the course of the year. The business was mainly routine. We have under our care five congregations, all of which have pastors except Lisbon, which has a stated supply for half time. We have six ministers on our roll, four of whom are settled pastors and one, William McFarland, is stated supply at Lisbon.

W. J. Sanderson was installed pastor of York Congregation, October 20th, 1915. The full time of J. B. Gilmore and half time of William McFarland are at the disposal of Synod. Mr. McFarland asks for appointments from November to June. We have one Congregation which we believe deserves honorable mention on tithe paying. Almonte reports a little more than 85% of their members as tithers. Days of thanksgiving and fasting were observed. Our traveling fund is full. Our statistical report was duly forwarded to the Stated Clerk of Synod. A. A. Wylie is Chairman of the Committee on Supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. LATIMER, Clerk.

The Rev. J. A. Crooks, pastor of the United Presbyterian church of Indiana Harbor, was introduced and extended the courtesies of the floor.

A bill for stationery secured for the use of Synod was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A letter from the pastor of the Moody Tabernacle, Rev. Paul Rader, was read and the Clerk instructed to make suitable reply.

A collection was lifted. It amounted to $22.67. It was referred to the clerks for distribution.

An invitation from the Chicago session asking Synod to hold its meetings annually in their church was read and referred to the Committee on Place of Meeting.

Synod adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by S. F. Kingston.

MONDAY MORNING.

Synod was called to order at 9 o'clock and was constituted in prayer by the Moderator. The roll was called. W. O. Ferguson, W. B. Hay, Jas. Milligan, Jas. McCune, M. S. McMillan, F. F. Reade, W. G. Robb, J. M. Rutherford, W. J. Sanderson and D. O. Torrens did not answer.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Devotional exercises. A. Kilpatrick was excused from further attendance on Synod and was allowed to participate in the traveling fund.

The Stated Clerk reported. The report was adopted.

REPORT OF STATED CLERK.

Statistics May 1, 1915 to May 1, 1916.

There are reported this year eleven Presbyteries; 113 Congregations; six Mission Stations; 136 Ministers; 8 Licentiates; 9 Theological students 3 of whom were licensed; 446 Elders; 362 Deacons; 8921 Communicants, an increase of 409 and a decrease of 498; 230 Baptisms; 10684 enrolled in the Sabbath Schools and 2118 in the Young People's Societies; total contributions $233,592 of $27.54 per member, being 16 cents less per member than last year. The Covenanter Church gave $38,633.24 to Foreign Missions and $4,848.14 to Home Missions during the past year; Syrian Mission Collections were $22,-893.11 and China Mission Collections $15,740.13 or $4.56 per member, which is senven cents more per member than last year. These latter items are from the Books of Treasurer Joseph M. Steele.

Congregations—Eighty-one have pastors, thirty-two are without pastors.

Ministers—There are 136 ministers. There were 5 installations, one ordination and installation; seven dissolutions of the pastoral relation. One pastor has a double charge; eleven are stated supply. S. R. Wallace was installed pastor of Tabor, Kas. Congregation Sept. 3, 1915. F. F. Reade at Cincinnati, O., Sept. 22; S. B. Houston at Connellsville, July 3; W. J. Sanderson at York, N. Y., Oct. 21; D. B. Elsey at Winnipeg, Can., July 7; W. C. Coleman was ordained and installed at Johnathan Creek, O. Congregation Aug. 31. The pastoral relation between J. C. French and Denver, Col. Congregation was dissolved Jan. 12; G. A. Edgar and St. Louis Congregation Sept. 17; H. G. McConaughy and Clarinda Congregation Oct. 13; S. R. Wallace and Tabor Congregation May 4, 1916; W. M. Robb and Southfield Congregation, June 2; John Yates and Central Allegheny Congregation Oct. 26; S. J. Johnston and New Castle congregation May 9, 1916.

Of the Ministers without charges 11 are stated supplies, eleven in the foreign mission work; three in reform work; five at Geneva College; two at Theological Seminary; nine in secular callings; fifteen are unable to engage actively in the ministry.

Communicants—The total number is 8921, excluding those in Syria and Asia minor; of these 8481 are in the home church, 440 in the foreign field. Two hundred forty-three were received in the home church by profession and one-hundred-sixtysix by certificate; one-hundred-twenty-six entered their rest and three hundred-seventy-two were dismissed. China Mission reports 402 members; an increase of 40 and a decrease of 11. The membership in Cyprus is 38; an increase of 6 and a decrease of 7. No report from the Levant. There is a net decrease in the home field of 89; and in the foreign field an increase of 28. Kansas Presbytery shows a net increase of 24 members; New York of 6, Ohio of 2; Pacific Coast of 10; Colorado reports a loss of 6; Illinois of 23; Iowa of 15 N. B. & N. S. of 7; Philadelphia of 6; Pittsburgh of 54; Rochester of 10. Thirty-seven congregations had no accession, second New York congregation has the largest membership viz: 245. Third Philadelphia congregation leads in contributions. Fifty-five congregations contributed to all of the schemes of the church. The number of Tithers is 2284 an increase of 476. Three ministers passed away: R. A. Boyd on Nov. 21 at Stafford, Kas. D. H. Coulter on March 17, at Topeka, Kas. J. B. Boggs Dodds on May 11, 1916, at Greeley, Col.

Contributions—Three schemes show an increase of contributions viz: Syrian Mission $734.00; Aged Peoples Home $922.00; Witness Bearing $124.00; ten schemes report a decrease, viz: China $1624.00; Domestic $106.00; Southern $31.00; Indian $145.00; Jewish $714.00; Theo. Seminary $324.00; Geneva College $2946.00; Church Erection $1160.00; National Reform $1162.00; Temperance $181.00; Aged Ministers, Widows and Orphans $191.00.

Salaries paid for preaching show a decrease of $1,990.00; Certified copies of 1914 Minutes were received from the Clerk of Synod, also a minute book of the Central Board of Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES S. TIBBY,
Stated Clerk.

A question presented by W. S. Fulton was referred to the Committee on Discipline.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported. The report was taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1 and 2 were adopted. Synod engaged in prayer, led by S. Edgar and F. M. Foster. Item 3 was amended and adopted. Items 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 were adopted. The missionaries were presented to the court, and those referred to in Item 8 were heard when the hour for recess arrived. Recess till 2 p. m. Prayer by A. A. Wylie.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Recess having expired, Synod was called to order by the Moderator. O. C. Orr offered prayer. Roll call. Walter Bell, I. A. Blackwood, R. J. Dodds, S. E. Greer, S. F. Kingston, J. D. Latham, S. M. Morrow, J. S. McGaw, L. M. Patterson and J. M. Rutherford did not answer.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The hearing of the foreign missionaries was resumed. All having spoken, the report was adopted as a whole.

The following action was taken: Resolved, that this Synod has looked into the faces of, and heard the words of, our missionaries with thanksgiving and spiritual joy; and we assure them and all on the field that we follow them with our most earnest prayers for their divine protection, for the sweetness and blessedness of His gracious presence and that He will give them a precious harvest of souls.

The report is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee would respectfully report.....Two papers have been placed in our hands. First, the Report of the minutes of the Commission in China. As the minutes of the Commission were not before us we have no comment upon them only to say that so far as we could judge by the report they are ready to be embodied in the minutes of this court.

Second, The Report of the Board of Foreign Missions. We de-

sire to call your attention to the following facts regarding this report.

First of all, to the excellence of the report. It has been so prepared as to be understood not only by the informed but by the uninformed. Not only by the older in the Church but by the younger. It can be read with interest by the children. And it is not only simple in language but full and interesting.

It should be noted that in spite of the war in Europe and Asia, much of the work in the missions in the Levant is being prosecuted with vigor. We lament the very meager reports from our work in Asia Minor and Syria. We regret that so many of our missionaries have been detained at home when they are so much needed abroad. The multiplied duties and burdens due to isolation of the workers has worked much hardship upon those who are still in the field. The self sacrifice of those whose furloughs are due this year, and who have expressed their willingness to stay on the field for the present for the sake of the work, should not be forgotten by the church. Nor should the lesson to the church be overlooked of God's providence in depleting the ranks of the Missionaries for various reasons.

Again, we wish to commend the Board of Foreign Missions for placing in the hands of the Synod our mission magazine, "Olive Trees." By this means this paper which has so long been edited by one of the members of the Board, now retired, is perpetuated.

It is noted with great satisfaction, that the mission in China is reaching out as never before and grasping the opportunities presented. The larger number who have been led to Christ, indicates the working of the Spirit in greater measure, the open hearts, the increasing missionary zeal. It is commendable that the native church is becoming more self-supporting and that they are beginning to undertake the erection of their own buildings, in some sections, the work of the ministry, evangelism, and teaching. We believe that the work of the past year in evangelism is a decided step in advance, in that a native evangelist was looked to largely to do the preaching in the services at Lo Ting, and that the church in China is looking forward more each year to becoming self-supporting. We again emphasize the need of prayer for our work in the out stations of the church, the need for greater consecration of means and children, to Christ. The church should not forget to study carefully the excellent chart submitted by the Board so as to acquaint themselves with our mission.

We make the following recommendation:

1. That the church engages in unceasing prayer for our Foreign Mission work.

2. That we now engage in prayer of thanksgiving to God for answering some of our prayers of the past year, led by S. Edgar and F. M. Foster.

3. (1). That the action of the Board of Foreign Missions in taking over "Olive Trees" from the hands of Rev. Dr. Sommerville be approved.

(2). That the Magazine be conducted as a Missionary Magazine.

(3). That the receipts for the missions be published each month.

4. That Elders and Pastors use every lawful means to place

Olive Trees" in every home where it has not yet found entrance.

5. That all Treasurer's reports be made in terms of American Money even though it be only approximate.

6. That the Board be commended for the carefully prepared statistical table to be appended to their report, and that it be made a permanent feature of the report.

7. That our foreign missionaries present, be presented to the court and that in connection with the address of the Secretary of the Board and that in behalf of the Board, D. R. Taggart be given 15 minutes to represent the work in China, and that the others be given three minutes each.

8. That R. C. Montgomery, S. A. S. Metheny, William G. Carson and Joseph M. Steele whose terms have expired as members of the Board be chosen their own successors.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. D. EDGAR, Chairman,
G. M. ROBB,
A. M. THOMPSON,
R. C. REPATH,
R. J. BOLE.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, to-day and forever. As nineteen hundred years ago, so still wherever His disciples go preaching the gospel, the Lord works with them confirming the word with signs following. The early plan of work was to preach, to teach and to heal.

NO REPORT FROM SYRIA.

The relieving of bodily distress has taken a large place in our efforts for the poor oppressed of Syria and Asia Minor. The Treasurer's report shows generous contributions for this purpose. And yet the missionaries in this field have had great opportunities in the regular departments of mission work. Reports are again this year lacking and for the same obvious reason, the censor refusing to pass anything but the scantest correspondence. Yet we can report that the schools were open with but little interruption all the year. Dr. Stewart at Latakia and Mr. McFarland at Mersina were privileged to preach all the while. Dr. Peoples experienced no restriction in the medical work at Mersina. Miss Edgar at Latakia and Miss Sterrett and Mr. Carithers at Mersina went on, we are assured, with the teaching. The only trouble has been that, in their loneliness and isolation, they have had greatly multiplied duties and burdens beyond their strength. With characteristic devotion Miss Sterrett, whose furlough falls due this year, has offered to prolong her term of service another year, if the interests of the mission require it; and Mr. Carithers whose short term appointment expires this Spring, has accepted appointment for another year, seeing the Board could not in present disturbed conditions hope to send out another young man to fill his place.

We are called to report the death, January 9th, 1916, of our senior missionary, Miss Mattie R. Wylie, who labored for forty years at Latakia. She greatly endeared herself to the entire church in two generations, and in Syria left the lasting impress of her consecrated life. Many who learned the way of salvation from her preceded her

to glory, and she being dead yet speaketh. She glorified God in suffering as in service. Her works do follow her. Her labor is not in vain in the Lord. "The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance."

CYRUS.

Reports from the Island of Cyprus show faithful services in every department. Our missionaries here are: In Larnaca, the Rev. Walter McCarroll and wife; Mr. Chas. A. Stewart and Mr. Dwight H. Conner; in Nicosia, Dr. Calvin McCarroll and wife. Mrs. Walter McCarroll has been in ill health all year, and found it necessary to seek a change of location. Accordingly she passed over into Switzerland accompanied by their children, the two oldest of whom had graduated in the Academy in Cyprus last June, and required school facilities other than those to be had on the Island. The hope that Mrs. McCarroll's health would improve was doomed to disappointment. She entered a Sanatorium for three months, but still failing to gain the desired strength sailed for America, reaching New York May 14, this year.

Mr. McCarroll, who is still on the field, reports that "Cyprus so far as the European conflict is concerned has remained unaffected by the movement of armies and the clash of arms, except for the stagnation of trade, the general rise in prices, and, in some parts, the scarcity of bread."

Our work is carried forward mainly in the three stations of Larnaca, Nicosia, and Kyrenia.

The Preaching has been done by Mr. McCarroll and native helpers with the others doing what they could as lay-preachers. Regular services every Sabbath are held in Larnaca and Nicosia. After the August vacation Mr. McCarroll spent a few days visiting the villages in the Kyrenia district, accompanied by licentiate Dimitriades, Returning to Larnaca, he made a trip to the Carpass, visiting 20 or more villages, and travelling 160 miles. Three communions were held during the year—two in Nicosia and one at Larnaca.

Mr. Dimitriades is stationed at Nicosia and is an earnest preacher of the gospel. While five united with the church and one was reinstated at Larnaca, through defection and removal there was a net decrease of one. The present church membership in Cyprus is 38.

There are now three schools in Larnaca—one for girls and boys too small to enter the Academy, having been opened in the Autumn, and one for small Armenian children (mostly of parents connected with the church), having been started this Spring. Last June there were 10 graduates from the Academy. In September the school opened with the largest enrollment in its history. In all the schools there was a total of 177 boys and girls under Christian instruction.

Gratitude is due to God for the safe return to Cyprus of Mr. Charles A. Stewart. After spending last year at Princeton, and the summer in Columbia studying teaching methods, he sailed for the field. Only after a perilous voyage on the Sant' Anna did he reach port in safety.

In the Medical Work Dr. Calvin McCarroll is alone. He is both efficient in his profession and deeply interested in evangelistic work. He reports religious services every Sabbath in Nicosia, with better attendance than usual, and gospel services prior to each clinic. "On these occasions the patients give respectful attention." Dr. McCarroll's

office treatments numbered 8,437; his out-visits 360; and his trips to the villages, involving 558 miles of traveling, 22. He sums up in these words: "No notable results have followed the work of the year. Still we believe the leaven is working, and that in time we shall see the effects in the leavening of the mass."

CHINA.

In China the year has been one of great encouragement and unprecedented advance. In all departments there are results greater than those of equal physical efforts in former years. This would seem to indicate the Spirit's working in mightier power.

THE PREACHING.

Dr. A. I. Robb, the Rev. Julius A. Kempf and the Rev. D. Raymond Taggart have represented the home church in this department in the year now closed. In this work they have had the assistance of native evangelists, the licentiates, and the students of theology and medicine.

Dr. Robb, although having the management of the training school, was the moderator of the session and acting pastor of the congregation at Tak Hing; and had charge of the city chapel and the country chapels at Tung On and Lin Tan. Since the departure of his brother, the Rev. J. K. Robb, for the home land, Dr. Robb was responsible for the preaching at Tak Hing. A part of this he did himself while the students and licentiates did the rest. Three communions were held in Tak Hing within the year. Fair attendance and good interest are reported. The oversight of the work and part of the preaching at the two out-stations fell to Dr. Robb. He "preached over fifty sermons in chapels during the year." Communion was held once at Tung On. There are no members yet in Lin Tan.

The Rev. Mr. Kempf also served the mission in the dual capacity of teacher and preacher. With the removal of Rev. Mr. Taggart to Lo Ting there fell to Mr. Kempf the entire out station work at Do Sing, Fung Tsuen, and the country north of Tak Hing. The measure of his responsibilities can in part be appreciated when it is noted that, in addition to full service in the Boys' School at Tak Hing, Mr. Kempf made four preaching trips to Do Sing travelling 120 miles; one to Fung Tsuen travelling 60 miles; and three to Ma Hui, traveling on foot 40 miles; one to Kun Hui, 40 miles on foot; one to Mo Tung, 28 miles afoot; one to Sun Hui, 20 miles on foot; and eight trips to Kau Kong Tong, travelling 80 miles on foot. Once he assisted Mr. Taggart with a communion at Do Sing and another time dispensed the communion there, assisted by the native preacher. Added to all, Mr. Kempf, in the Rev. J. K. Robb's absence, has acted as Treasurer of the Mission and given part time to concrete construction work about the mission compound.

The Rev. D. Raymond Taggart was appointed to Lo Ting soon after the Rev. E. C. Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell returned to this country in the interest of the latter's health. With his family he removed to that station in time for the opening of the work in the Auumn, and has proved a valuable addition to the force in that important station. Mr. Taggart had charge of three chapels—that in Lo Ting, one in Lo King and one in Che Tsai.

Special note should be made of the Spirit's working in Lo Ting. Early in the year some measure of discouragement was in the minds

of the missionaries by reason of a seeming spiritual apathy and indifference among the people. For years the gospel had been preached by our brethren of the Christian and Missionary Alliance and those who had not accepted had apparently become hardened. "Educational aristocracy," "non-observance of the Sabbath," and "covetousness" were named by Mr. Taggart as contributing factors in the unpromising situation. Yet after much prayer and conference it was decided to procure a native evangelist, Pastor Cheung Lap Tsoi—a man of peculiar gifts for such work, and hold an evangelistic campaign, sending to the churches in America an appeal for special prayer. In January the meetings were held, the Lo Ting Board of Trade loaning their silk market, rent free, for the purpose. The annual meeting of the mission and the native conference were held contemporaneously, thus bringing a large number of the missionaries from Tak Hing into co-operation with the work. The campaign began Sabbath, January 9th, and culminated with the communion which was dispensed on the following Sabbath. Four preaching services, besides a noon meeting, were held each day from Sabbath until Wednesday. "Two sessions of the native conference were held each forenoon from Monday until Thursday, Dr. Robb giving a Bible study at one of them." As a result, thousands were given a chance to hear the gospel. More than 2,000 attended more than one session; 135 signed cards as interested inquirers, 18 from the Boys' Middle School. One of them has since received baptism, and five others have asked to be baptised. At the communion following, six persons were received into the church, two of whom were brought to a decision in the meetings.

Thus was broken almost entirely what had appeared to be a hardening indifference to the gospel. Leading boys and teachers in the government schools are now publicly committed to a study of the gospel. Their influence among a people, so responsive are the Chinese to their leaders, makes the future, by the adding of our prayers, bright with promise.

Of the **Lo King** station Mr. Taggart said even prior to the Lo Ting revival, "This station has caught the spirit of advance, and are not only urging an extension of our work among them, but are planning and undertaking great things for themselves. They have raised over $800 in the community for a library, and are planning to put $1,000 into it. They are enlarging and repairing their chapel, partly on borrowed money to be sure, but the repairs are extensive. They are planning a two-teacher school for advanced pupils, which is to be almost self-supporting. The evangelist will teach the Bible in this school. Communions were held in March and December. There were four accessions and one death, the wife of the evangelist. Present membership 27."

Equally encouraging is his statement of the situation at **Che Tsai**: "This station is in a small village. They have had no evangelist for several years, and moreover they have furnished a very large percentage of trained workers and a good many pupils for our schools so that the strength of the community is being continually drawn away for work elsewhere. There was one batism and one transferred to Lo Ting. Also one infant baptism."

The Preaching of the Native Evangelists must be included in any fair and complete account of this department of the work. Perhaps, in the future and final results their efforts must take an even larger place. Even now the value of their consecrated services is incalcul-

able. Among their own people, employing the native speech, having in all things the Chinese point of view, knowing their every prejudice, sharing their aspirations, and perfectly at home in that indefinable thing which, for want of a better name, we call "habit of thought," they can in closeness of personal contact and effectiveness of personal appeal surpass the best foreign workers. These native preachers and evangelists are working constantly throughout the year. During the vacation months of July and August, when our missionaries are necessarily at the coast separated from the work, these faithful servants are in entire charge, preaching their newly found Lord and Master. Dr. Robb's students preached 114 sermons aside from their work during vacations. Quoting from Dr. Robb's report: "Every Tuesday evening and Sabbath afternoon there have been services in the chapel in the city, two speaking at each service. The attendance will average about 30. It has been a valuable exercise for the students and much knowledge has been disseminated. With one or two exceptions all have preached twice before the Sabbath congregation at the home chapel and have for the most part managed the prayer-meetings, choosing subjects and leaders and taking an active part themselves. They have also taught in the Sabbath school as called upon and some have had regular classes. The students spent the summer vacation at the country chapels, working where possible with men already in the field, and for the most part with evidence of acceptable work. "Tung On and Lin Tan have each, under Dr. Robb's supervision, been in the care of a native preacher. One, under Mr. Kempf, is stationed at Do Sing. Here also every Saturday and Sabbath during the year clinical work and preaching were done by two helpers from the hospital. At Ma Hui, in the judgment of Mr. Kempf about the most promising station north of Tak Hing, there was preaching by the students almost every Sabbath. Still another evangelist is stationed at Lo Ting under the supervision of Mr. Taggart. Dr. Wright's male students in the medical class preached 100 times in the year, and the female students were regularly employed in the Sabbath school work.

Viewing the entire field in China one fact marks notable advance, namely, 15 communions were dispensed within the year, whereas but 3 were being dispensed annually when one of the missionaries most recently appointed reached the field.

It is the privilege of Synod and the church to recall and plead the promise: "My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I send it."

THE TEACHING.

In this department the force from the home church the past year has comprised J. M. Wright, M. D., Dr. A. I. Robb, The Rev. Julius A. Kempf, Misses Rose A. Huston and Mary R. Adams, The Rev. D. Raymond Taggart, and Miss Ella Margaret Stewart. Mrs. Robb, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Kempf and Mrs. Dickson, associate missionaries, and Mrs. Doig have rendered valuable assistance as department teachers. Perhaps in no previous year in the history of the mission has the school work been so successful and far-reaching in its results.

The Medical Training Class, conducted by our physicians in the Gregg Memorial Hospital, has met a real need. It promises to become a factor of importance in relieving the distress among the multitudes of sufferers. No less is it proving itself an efficient evangelizing

agency, as the students not only help preach the doctrine among those who seek bodily relief in the hospital, but cheerfully make trips into the country and among the villages to hold clinics and preach the glad tidings.

"The hospital medical class has been carried on during the year," says Dr. Wright, "and been a source of satisfaction and insipration to us. The number present consists of three young men and two young women—two young women having dropped out, as they seemed not to have the proper ideal or ambition. Two hours a day are given in teaching this class both by Dr. McBurney and myself. Since the Dr. returned on furlough Mrs. Wright has taken her time. The class themselves spend one hour in review daily, and one hour a day in Bible study and preparing for evangelistic work. They do also the hospital work and never complain of hard, and ofttimes offensive work, but in all show a spirit which we hope reflects to those under their care some of the love of the Master whose work they humbly try to do. The class work is daily begun by the reading of a portion of Scripture and a prayer, and the endeavor is to teach them the high ideal of their calling and to take as their example the Great Physician. They have now entered on the fourth and last year of the work, at the end of which they will be given a hospital certificate specifying the work done and the studies taken."

In The Theological Training School there was a total of 33 weeks of school. In regular work there was an enrollment of 10, and two others attended recitations part time. Two students completed the prescribed course, one in July, the other in December. The course of study is both liberal and practical, covering much the same branches and such training in homiletics and sermonizing as would be pursued by students of theology in the home land. The attendance on classes was good, averaging for the year better than 91 per cent.

In the Boys' School at Tak Hing the work was much the same as last year. Mr. Kempf is in charge, Mrs. A. I. Robb teaching arithmetic and Mrs. Kempf English. A portion of each day is given to Bible study. Seven boys graduated January 28th, when the school closed for the Chinese New Year. The Mayor of Tak Hing and the Superintendent of government schools were present at the graduating exercises and the former made an address. Four boys have entered the Theological School and two will teach in out-stations and one will spend another year in Middle School studies. The six who enter active work were each supported during the school course by Ladies' Missionary Societies, Sabbath schools, or Christian Endeavor Societies in this land.

The Girls' School in Tak Hing was under the splendid supervision of Miss Rose A. Huston and Miss Mary R. Adams, and this has been the banner year in the school's history. The work covered 35 weeks and the total enrollment was 52. Two of the older girls taught, one in a day school in Do Sing and one at Lo Ting, "while others do teaching in the schools here at the same time carrying on their full work in school." Mrs. Doig and Mrs. Kempf have taught needlework, Mrs. Wright music, and Mrs. Robb drawing. In addition to the government course of study, daily work in the Bible is given. A meeting for prayer and Bible study is held Wednesday afternoons; and a Christian Endeavor meeting each Sabbath evening of which the girls have full charge. A class of older girls and women meets Saturday

to study the Sabbath school lesson. They take turns teaching the Sabbath School classes and in reviewing the previous week's lesson. Five girls have been married during the year, only one of them a Christian. The others could not join church owing to the opposition of their husband's people. One pupil, the cook and the school mother died during the year.

The Women's School in Tak Hing enrolled twelve regular pupils although two of them were children. All the women are widows, some with children, and they are entirely dependent for support on the school. One of the child pupils is a little motherless blind girl who is being taught the Braille system. Only two in this school are not church members. Three were baptised in the year. More time is given to Bible study than to any other subject. Besides their regular work, the pupils have done visiting in the homes of Tak Hing and the surrounding country, sometimes accompanied by a missionary, sometimes not. On Sabbath afternoons several gospel teams went to different places to speak. On Wednesday afternoons and Sabbath evenings prayer meetings are held for the women. Owing to lack of teachers no new schools have been opened. The one at Do Sing has done very good work in face of some opposition. In all these schools some attention has been given to industrial work. Mat making, the principal industry open to the women, was largely impossible this year because the flood destroyed the grass.

Let a closing word be said touching the school work in Tak Hing. The appeal of our missionaries to the home church is for an increasing volume of prayer. Mention is made of the Boys' School in which "there are 67 pupils and only 5 Christians! The graduating class last Fall were all Christians but one." With the large number of new pupils, "above all things," they entreat, "urge the people of the Church to PRAY."

At Lo Ting we have a Boys' School, a Girls' School and some work among the women, and a Bible seller—our mission furnishing the man and the management and the British and Foreign Bible Society providing for his support.

The Boys' School, although not yet fully established, is reported by Mr. Taggart in the following encouraging statement: "The school has greatly improved this year over last, owing to the releasing of an incompetent teacher and taking the full time of one who was giving part time to the work last year. Of this one I am glad to say that he is the best all around Chinese teacher that I have heard in the class room. He is a Christian, and has agreed to give his services a little cheaper than the usual rate for men of his class; so that no additional cost was involved in the change." One of the greatest needs on the field is for a thoroughly competent teacher for this school.

Miss Ella Margaret Stewart is the efficient head of what is happily called **"The True Road Girls' School"** at Lo Ting. There were 54 day and 4 boarding pupils enrolled, the highest number at any one time being 50. There are no professing Christians among them yet, only 8 being old enough to understand what change a public profession of Christ should make in their lives in non-Christian homes. Three of these have expressed a desire to come into the church. The two girl teachers for the first three grades are from the Girls' School at Tak Hing. An adjoining building has been rented which, though neither large nor well ventilated, increases the class room capacity

from 40 to 65, and furnishes sleeping rooms for the teachers and a helper.

Miss Stewart reports the **Women's Work:** "With the exception of the time I was away at the coast, two women's meetings have been held each week, one on Wednesday afternoon and one on Sabbath. The attendance varied from 150 to 8. A fair average would probably be 25. It is hard for you in America, where women enjoy the same educational advantages as men, to realize how difficult it is to hold the attention of a crowd of Chinese women who feel that they cannot be expected to understand a public speaker, least of all a foreigner. Many times one finds a majority of the strangers discussing one's personal appearance and manner of talking Chinese rather than listening to the message one longs for them to hear and accept. I must confess that such meetings are a severer task for the writer than any other she has been called upon to perform. The work of the native teachers sent to Lo Ting by the Tak Hing School has greatly increased the popularity of the school. "The instruction in needlework given by Mrs. Dickson has also been a strong element in maintaining the reputation of the school." "The opposition to our Bible course," continues Miss Stewart, "is not so pronounced as it was. People are beginning to inquire why our pupils receive more individual attention than those of other schools. In fact, we dare to hope that the Master has been honored by what we have tried to do in His Name. Will you pray with us that He may come and reign in the hearts and homes of all those who enter our school and chapel gates?"

THE HEALING.

With Dr. Kathryn W. McBurney leaving the field early last summer for a well-earned furlough in the home land, the medical work has rested with Dr. J. M. Wright at Tak Hing and Dr. E. J. M. Dickson at Lo Ting. They received some help from the medical students.

The constant endeavor in the medical department, Dr. Wright declares, is to "heal the sick and say unto them, the Kingdom of God is come nigh unto you." In a land where almost unbounded ignorance of modern medical science prevails and where the consequent sufferings of the people are well-night indescribable, the ministry of healing is almost an end in itself. Yet the aim is to make the healing of the body a means to saving the soul. In the efforts to this end the church will be most interested.

The Gregg Memorial Hospital is the center of the work in the Tak Hing district. There are two departments, one for men and one for women. Dr. Wright, who conducts the department for men, says the same general principles are carried out in the department for women, "and while there is not the quantity of work done as when Dr. McBurney is in charge, yet she has left faithful co-wokers in two Chinese women who strive to carry out the work in the same fine spirit, and with the same high ideal in view."

Daily religious services are held in which Psalms are sung, Scriptures are read and explained and prayers are offered. "In this we take turns with the native co-workers, all of whom are earnest and faithful believers." A weekly prayer meeting is held Wednesday afternoons. Religious books, tracts, papers and leaflets are kept constantly before the patients. In the medical class one hour daily is given to Bible study. "It affords us great pleasure," says Dr. Wright, "to be

able to say that nearly all who have been in the hospital as patients have expressed themselves as being favorable to the gospel, and not a few of them have said they believe." The hospital has been open all year, being left in charge of the students while the missionaries are at the coast on vacation.

The work among lepers is done through Tai So of the woman's school. She carries them food and clothing and medicine, and gets their boats mended. The mission hopes to do an increasing work among these poor outcasts, so unfortunate and helpless, many of whom are joining the church.

The hospital distributed several hundred anti-tuberculosis calendars for the China Commission on Hygiene and Sanitation; and translated several articles for the Chinese Medical Journal, and distributed thousands of leaflets and tracts. Dr. Wright, with a conspicuous aptitude for investigation, has specialized on tropical diseases, to the benefit of our mission and all missionaries laboring in those regions. By request he delivered four lectures in the Kuns Yee Medical School in Canton. After the floods much relief work kas done and many opportunities for evangelistic work in visiting the flooded districts were improved.

In the men's department at the hospital there were 110 in-patients; 2,200 dispensary patients, 9,000 treatments; 72 operations; 59 out-calls; 38 trips to Do Sing, where dispensary was held every Saturday, followed by evangelistic services on the Sabbath. For the woman's department the report approximates 476 patients, 304 new patients, and 4,598 treatments.

The Medical Work at Lo Ting is fast developing under Dr. Dickson although he has not yet had sufficient time on the field to perfect his use of the language. Clinic days have been increased from one to three. The dispensary and boys' school are well located in an old temple, rent free. During the coming year it is hoped to have a gospel service at each clinic, heretofore an impossibility owing to unfamiliarity with the language. At each clinic portions of Scripture and tracts were sold to patients and invitations extended to attend the chapel services. One of the government school teachers, who talks English, was of great assistance to Dr. Dickson in giving health talks in the government middle schools; also in arranging street meetings on Sabbath afternoons. The number of clinics during the year was 98; patients 1,065; operations 11.

The future for the medical work in Lo Ting looks bright, as indicated by this paragraph from Dr. Dickson's report: "Last spring Dr. Wright paid us a visit and laid a plan before a few of the native Christians whereby they might manage and finance their own hospital without asking for more from the home church than possibly the services of foreign missionaries. This plan has been developing in the minds of these men and at present it appears that an effort will be made during the coming year to procure a site and building for hospital work." Recent letters indicate that land may soon be procured for this project.

A tabulation of statistics for the China and Cyprus field has been prepared and is herewith submitted. We regret the inability of the missionaries in Latakia and Mersina to forward statistics for those centers. Our hope is that in another year complete tables may be sub-

mitted, showing with a good degree of accuracy the status in each field.

The Board reports to Synod its action in accepting the generous offer of Dr. Sommerville who tendered OLIVE TREES to the Board. It has thus become the property of the Church, and the Board proposes, with the Synod's concurrence, to continue its publication as the official missionary journal. The Rev. McLeod M. Pearce, D. D., and the Rev. Robert A. Blair, M. A., have been appointed to edit and publish it. The Board heartily commends OLIVE TREES to the Church and earnestly solicits the cooperation of each pastor and elder in realizing what is to us the laudable ambition of placing the magazine in every home in the Covenanter Church.

In closing, the Board continues to call for needed missionaries. Should the war clouds in the Levant clear away, we shall need an additional minister and physician in the Latakia district, and another physician in Mersina; two trained nurses, one in Latakia and one in Mersina; a short term teacher in the English school for boys in Mersina; and a young man should be sent to Cyprus this coming Autumn to teach in the Academy.

We are calling for trained teachers for China. An imperative need is a young man, trained for teaching, to take charge of a Boys' School in Lo Ting. We are still asking and praying for women to do evangelistic work in China. There is an opening for a trained nurse in the Gregg Memorial Hospital. And there is an ever widening field for ministers of the gospel to break new soil in the out-lying districts and to keep in touch with those who have been more or less deeply impressed with the gospel in the hospitals, the schools and the chapels. These return to unbelieving homes one, two or even three days' journey from the present centers.

There are in this country on enforced furlough from the Levant, the Rev. Robert E. Wilson and wife, the Rev. Samuel Edgar and wife, Dr. J. M. Balph and wife, Miss F. Elma French and Miss M. Florence Mearns. By reason of ill health Mrs. McCarroll, wife of the Rev. Walter McCarroll of Cyprus, was obliged to come to America this Spring.

Of our missionaries to China the Rev. John K. Robb and wife, Miss Jennie M. Dean and Dr. Kathryn W. McBurney are home on furlough. The Rev. W. M. Robb and wife and the Rev. E. C. Mitchell and wife, Dr. Ida M. Scott and Miss Annie J. Robinson, R. N., are still providentially detained from returning to the field. It is expected by the time Synod is in session the Rev. D. Raymond Taggart and family and Miss Rose A Huston will have reached the home land on furlough.

Providence permitting, the Rev. John K. Robb, the Rev. William M. Robb and family, the Rev. E. C. Mitchell and wife, Dr. Kathryn W. McBurney and Miss Jennie M. Dean hope to return to China this Autumn. Others, the Board expects, will be under appointment by the time Synod meets, or soon thereafter, and ready to go to China within a few months.

The Board asks for an appropriation of $25,000 for the mission in the Levant and of $30,000 for that in China.

The time for which the Rev. R. C. Montgomery, D. D., S. A. S.

Metheny, M. D., Mr. William G. Carson and Mr. Joseph M. Steele were appointed to the Board has expired. Their successors should be chosen by Synod.

In the name of the Board, respectfully submitted,

FINDLEY M. WILSON,
Corresponding Secretary.

REPORT OF JOSEPH M. STEELE, TREASURER.

STATEMENT OF FUNDS, APRIL 29, 1916.

Board of Foreign Missions—		
Syrian Hospital Fund	$4,671.02	
Mersine Hospital Fund	4,351.18	
Latakia Church Building Fund	2,634.31	
Latakia Dwelling Building Fund	3,252.89	
Tarsus Building Fund	4,894.37	
David Oliver Brown Memorial Fund	1,912.53	
Harry Lamphear Memorial Fund	170.90	
Isabella Stewart Martin Memorial Fund	3,187.64	
Semi-Centennial Fund	579.63	
Rev. D. J. Shaw Foreign Mission Fund	5,789.90	
Levant Missions, General Fund	1,266.79	
China Missions, General Fund	2,055.42	
Syria Missions, Special Fund	988.24	
Asia Minor Missions, Special Fund	457.28	
Cyprus Missions, Special Fund	40.00	
China Missions, Special Fund	253.76	$36,505.85
Jewish Mission Board		160.40
Board of Church Erection		6,795.40
Olive Trees Account		423.47
		$43,885.13
Advances Made for Missionaries—		
Rev. J. S. Stewart, Latakia	$ 50.00	
Rev. W. McCarroll, Larnaca, Cyprus	4.00	$ 54.00
		$43,831.13
Deposited as Follows—		
*Brown Brothers & Company	$26,874.13	
Central National Bank	11,164.40	
Bank of North America	5,792.60	$43,831.13

*Includes deposit of May 2, 1916.

JOS. M. STEELE, Treas.

SYRIAN HOSPITAL FUND.

Balance May 1, 1915		$ 4,178.46
Receipts—		
Support of Beds	$ 404.50	
Interest on Account	88.06	$ 492.56
		$ 4,671.02

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Central Stations	Stations in Tak Hing District	Stations in Lo Ting District	Missionaries	Ordained Men	Physicians, Men	Physicians, Women	Single Women	Wives	Native Force	Licentiates	Evangelists, Native	Teachers, Men, Native	Teachers, Women	Bible Women and Workers	Communicants	Increase	Decrease	Adult Baptisms	Baptisms, Children	Sabbath Schools	Primary Schools, Boys	Primary Schools, Girls	Grammar Schools, Boys	Grammar Schools, Girls	Theological Students	Medical Students	Women's School	Boarding Pupils	Day Pupils	Hospitals	Number of Beds	Operations	In-patients	Treatments	Dispensaries	Individual Out-patients	Population for which the Mission is responsible	Field Villages Visited	Hearers during Village Visits	Patients Treated on Village visits
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NATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS

Church Expenses	Foreign Missions	Building and Repairs	Education	Medical Work	Flood Relief	Self-support	Charity	Library
$134.10	$ 50.00	------	$551.60	$378.29	------	$ 22.73	$ 77.50	------
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$134.10	$ 50.00	$ 4.40	$796.00	$569.31	$ 20.00	$102.73	$ 77.50	$100.00

Reformed Presbyterian Mission in Cyprus. Statistical Report for 1915-16

Stations	Missionaries	Physicians	Wives	Teachers	Native Teachers	Licentiates	Bible Women	Servants	Communicants	Increase	Decrease	Communions	Schools	Primary Schools	Girls' Schools	Academy	Pupils	Greek Pupils	Syrian Pupils	Armenian Pupils	Turkish Pupils	Jewish Pupils	Medical Treatments	Medical Visits	Medical Trips	Miles Traveled
Larnaca	4	---	1	2	10	---	---	5	38	6	7	1	3	1	1	1	177	80	37	27	23	10	---	---	---	---
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Kyrenia	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	22	558
Totals	6	1	2	2	10	1	1	5	38	6	7	3	3	1	1	1	177	80	37	27	23	10	8437	360	22	558

FINANCIAL REPORT

LARNACA — RECEIPTS

Pounds			
447	10s.	3d.	Boarding Dept.
242	7s.	½d.	Tuition
100			Medical Dept.
95	13s	6½d.	Books, etc.
53	13s.	1d.	Rent
10	13s.	3½d.	Sabbath Collection

LARNACA — EXPENDITURES

584	16s.	2d.	Wages (natives)
453	2s.	2s.	Boarding Dept
222	19s.	4½d.	School supplies
58	4s.	2½d.	Repairs
10	13s.	3½d.	Collection Account

NICOSIA — RECEIPTS

17	16s.	6½d.	Bal. April, '15
314	1s.	2d.	Collected
39	16s	8d.	Balance

NICOSIA — EXPENDITURES

100			Mission Treasurer
8	15s		Church poor
30	13s		Bible Woman
33	3s.	5½d.	Help and Repairs
3	7s.	2d	Taxes and Insurance
12	10s.		Motor Repair
183			Medical Supplies

MERSINE HOSPITAL FUND

Balance May 1, 1915		$ 3,666.89
Receipts—		
Maintenance	$ 427.65	
Support of Beds	175.00	
	$ 602.65	
Interest on Account	81.64	$ 684.29
		$ 4,351.18

LATAKIA CHURCH BUILDING FUND

Balance May 1, 1915	$2,582.66
Interest on Account	51.65
	$2,634.31

LATAKIA DWELLING BUILDING FUND

Balance May 1, 1915	3,189.11
Interest on Account	63.78
	$3,252.89

TARSUS BUILDING FUND.

Balance May 1, 1915	$4,798.38
Interest on Account	95.99
	$4,894.37

DAVID OLIVER BROWN MEMORIAL FUND

Balance May 1, 1915	$1,875.03
Interest on Account	37.50
	$1,912.53

HARRY LAMPHEAR MEMORIAL FUND.

Balance May 1, 1915	$ 167.55
Interest on Account	3.35
	$ 170.90

ISABELLA STEWART MARTIN MEMORIAL FUND.

Balance May 1, 1915	$3,125.14
Interest on Account	62.50
	$3,187.64

SEMI-CENTENNIAL FUND.

Balance May 1, 1915	$ 578.27
Interest on Account	11.36
	$ 589.63
Printing 200 Copies of Board's Report	10.00
	$ 579.63

REV. D. J. SHAW FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

Balance, May 1, 1915	$5,676.37
Interest on Account	113.53
	$5,789.90

LEVANT (SYRIAN) MISSION, GENERAL FUND.

Receipts—			
Congregations	$11,162.28		
Sabbath Schools and Societies	1,262.59		
Individuals	1,317.80		
Rev. R. E. Wilson, Contributions Received	34.34	$13.777.01	
Salaries Returned—			
Rev. R. E. Wilson	$ 1,352.50		
Rev. E. Edgar	650.00		
Rev. S. Edgar, Interest on Deposit	2.35	$ 2,004.85	
Bequests and Legacies—			
Mrs. Nancy Curry	$,100.00		
H. Hawthorne	750.00		
Henry Judson	25.00		
Margaret Buchanan	281.26		
Estate Lizzie McCaughan	200.00		
Estate Robert Marshall $2,000.00			
Less Inheritance Tax 100.00	$ 1,900.00		
Est. R. McFarland	$ 151.06	$ 3,407.32	
Dividends—			
David Gregg, Endowment	$ 3,244.43		
Foreign Missions, Endowment	2,729.84		
David G. McKee, Endowment	27.50		
John A. McKee, Endowment	27.50		
Rev. D. and Mrs. M. E. McKee, Endowment	307.50		
Mrs. E. S. E. McKee, Endowment	50.00		
J. R. McKee, Endowment	55.00		
Barnet, Vermont Congregation Endowment	17.87		
Hugh Robinson, Endowment	83.88	$ 6,543.52	$25,732.70
Disbursements—			
Syria (Latakia and Suadia) Stations:			
Salaries	$ 5,576.25		
Mission Expense	2,193.74		
Traveling and Shipping Expense	1,013.59	$ 8,783.58	
Asia Minor (Tarsus) Station:			
Salaries	$ 5,275.00		
Mission Expense	2,569.80		

Rent of Building, Mersine	1,250.00	$ 9,094.80	
Cyprus Station:			
Salaries	$ 3,902.27		
Mission Expense	2,290.33		
Traveling and Shipping Expense	394.93	$ 6,587.53	$24,465.91
Balance on hand, April 29, 1916			$ 1,266.79

MINUTES OF THE CHINA COMMISSION.

Lo Ting, Jan. 11, 1916, 5:15 P. M.

The China Commission of the Reformed Presbyterian Church met in pro re nata session and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Members present: Ministers, A. I. Robb, D. R. Taggart; Elders, E. J. M. Dickson, J. M. Wright.

The object of the pro re nata session was to change the place and time of meeting. The call of the pro re nata meeting was ratified.

It was resolved to change the time and place of the regular annual meeting to Jan. 11, 1916, 5:30 P. M., at Lo Ting, and regular business was then taken up.

Present officers were continued.

Commission resolved to appoint a committee to arrange for the licensure of Mr. Taam Chi Teng at a time convenient to the parties concerned. D. R. Taggart and E. J. M. Dickson were appointed members of this committee.

Native Conference Committee reported their work attended to. Report was accepted and committee dismissed.

Minutes were read and adopted.

Commission was adjourned with prayer by E. J. M. Dickson, to meet at the call of the Moderator.

(Signed).
A. I. ROBB, Moderator.
D. RAYMOND TAGGART, Clerk.

CHINA MISSION, GENERAL FUND.

Receipts—			
Congregations	$ 9,677.27		
Sabbath Schools and Societies	2,040.76		
Individuals	1,193.25	$12,911.28	
Salaries Returned—			
Rev. E. C. Mitchell	608.33		
Miss Jennie Dean $315.00			
Less allowed by Board 157.50	157.50	$ 765.83	
Bequests and Legacies—			
Miss Nancy Curry	100.00		
Henry Judson	25.00		
Margaret Buchanan	281.26		
Estate Lizzie McCaughan	200.00		

Estate R. McFarland	151.06	$ 757.32	
Dividends—			
Investment Funds	35.06		
Rev. D. and Mrs. McKee	102.50	$ 137.56	$14,571.99
Disbursements—			
Salaries		$11,162.50	
Mission Expense		1,104.92	
Traveling and Shipping Expense		629.12	$12,896.54
			$ 1,675.45
Balance May 1, 1915			379.97
			$ 2,055.42

SYRIA MISSION, SPECIAL FUNDS.

Receipts—		
Famine Relief Fund	$ 2,492.77	
Support of Native Children	78.00	
Educational Purposes	319.50	
Discretion of Missionaries	36.55	$ 2,926.82
Cash forwarded to Mission		1,938.58
		$ 988.24

ASIA MINOR MISSION, SPECIAL FUNDS

Receipts—		
Famine Relief Fund	$ 2,957.28	
Educational Purposes	160.00	$ 3,117.28
Cash forwarded to Mission		2,660.00
		$ 457.28

CYPRUS MISSION, SPECIAL FUND

Receipts—	
Educational Purposes	$60.00
Cash forwarded to Mission	20.00
	$40.00

CHINA MISSION, SPECIAL FUND.

Receipts—		
Flood Relief Fund	$ 832.70	
Support and Education of Natives	1,162.32	
Lepers	32.00	
Lo Ting Chapel	20.00	
China Hospital	16.00	$ 2,063.02
Cash forwarded to Mission		1,809.26
		$ 253.76

JEWISH MISSION BOARD.

Balance May 1, 1915		$ 890.41
Receipts—		
Congregations	$ 1,747.74	
Sabbath Schools and Societies	840.65	

Individuals	735.23	$ 3,323.62	
City Trust, Settlement of Account	11.67		
Publication	.36	$ 12.03	$ 3,335.65
			$ 4,226.06
Disbursements—			
Salaries		2,665.00	
Mission Expense		1,400.66	$ 4,065.66
			$ 160.40

BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

Receipts—			
Congregations	$ 2,185.31		
Sabbath Schools and Societies	40.45		
Individuals	31.00	$ 2,256.76	
Dividends—			
David Gregg, Endowment	589.90		
Invested Funds	187.00	776.90	
Interest on Account		100.90	$ 3,134.56
Balance May 1, 1915			3,660.84
			$ 6,795.40

OLIVE TREES ACCOUNT.

Balance May 1, 1915			$ 557.19
Receipts—			
Philadelphia		$ 1,028.60	
Miss Mary R. Adams		5.00	1.033.60
			$ 1,590.79
Disbursements—			
Philadelphia		346.45	
New York		722.83	
Addressing Machine		98.04	1,167.32
			$ 423.47

ADVANCES FOR MISSIONARIES.

Rev. J. S. Stewart, Latakia	$ 50.00	
Rev. W. McCarroll, Cyprus	4.00	$ 54.00

SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Disbursements—	
Salary, Stenographer, Dr. S. A. S. Metheny	$ 45.00
Salary, Stenographer, Rev. F. M. Wilson	200.00
Audit, Price, Waterhouse & Co.	50.00
Premium, Treasurer's Bond	32.33
Purchase, Typewriter for Secretary	43.00

Traveling Expenses, Rev. F. M. Wilson	12.44	
Office Supplies and Postage, Treasurer	23.12	
Office Supplies and Postage, Secretary	50.00	$ 455.89

Distributed as follows:

Syria Mission	91.18	
Asia Minor Mission	91.18	
Cyprus Mission	91.18	
China Mission	182.35	455.89

COMPARATIVE REPORT.

	1915		1916	
	Receipts	Payments	Receipts	Payments
Levant Missions, General Fund	$27,420.67	$29,096.26	$25,732.70	$24,192.37
China Missions, Gen'l Fund	16,182.72	18,136.29	14,571.99	12,714.19
Syria Missions, Spec'l Fund	331.20	331.20	2,926.82	1,938.58
Asia Minor Missions, Special Fund	210.00	210.00	3,117.28	2,660.00
Cyprus Missions, Spec'l F'd	485.00	485.00	60.00	20.00
China Missions, Spec'l Fund	3,182.13	3,182.13	2,063.02	1,809.26
Jewish Missions	4,075.36	3,709.46	3,335.65	4,065.66
Church Erection	2,575.07	1,900.00	3,134.56	
Olive Trees	914.60	357.41	1,033.60	1,167.32
Latakia Hospital	598.23		492.56	
Mersine Hospital	977.79		684.29	
Latakia Church Fund	2,372.57		51.65	
Latakia Dwelling Fund	103.22		63.78	
Tarsus Building Fund	127.49		95.99	
David O. Brown Fund	49.82		37.50	
Harry Lamphear Fund	14.05*	1,100.00	3.35	
Isabella S. Martin Fund	83.04		62.50	
Semi-Centennial Fund	15.34	18.16	11.36	10.00
Rev. D. J. Shaw Fund	204.50**	2,020.11	113.53	
Secretary & Treas. Expense		574.18		455.89
Advances for Missionaries				54.00
	$59,922.80	$61,120.20	$57,592.13	$49,087.27
		59,922.80		
Payments in excess, 1915		$ 1,197.40		
			49,087.27	
Receipts in excess, 1916			$ 8,504.86	
Bank Balances May 1, 1915		35,326.27		
Net excess receipts to May 1, 1916		8,504.86	43,831.13	

Deposited as follows:

Brown Bros. & Co., Philadelphia	$26,874.13
Centennial National Bank, Phila	11,164.40

Bank of North America, Phila----	5,792.60	$ 43,831.13

* Transferred to China Mission, General Fund.
** Transferred to Levant Mission, General Fund.

JOS. M. STEELE,
Treasurer.

Philadelphia, May 15, 1916.

Joseph M. Steele, Esq., Treasurer,
1600 Arch Street,
Philadelphia.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request we have audited the accounts of the Board of Foreign Missions, the Jewish Mission Board and the Board of Church Erection of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America from May 1, 1915, to April 29, 1916, and we certify that the annexed statement of balances in the various funds at April 29, 1916, has been properly prepared from the books and in our opinion is correct.

Yours very truly,
PRICE, WATERHOUSE & CO.

REPORT OF JOSEPH M. STEELE, TREASURER.

STATEMENT OF BALANCES IN FUNDS APRIL 29, 1916.

Board of Foreign Missions—		
Syrian Hospital Fund	$ 4,671.02	
Mersine Hospital Fund	4,351.18	
Latakia Church Building Fund	2,634.31	
Latakia Dwelling Building Fund	3,252.89	
Tarsus Building Fund	4,894.37	
David Oliver Brown Memorial Fund	1,912.53	
Harry Lamphear Memorial Fund	170.90	
Isabella Stewart Martin Memorial Fund	3,187.64	
Semi-Centennial Fund	579.63	
Rev. D. J. Shaw Foreign Mission Fund	5,789.90	
Levant Missions, General Fund	1,266.79	
China Missions, General Fund	2,055.42	
Syria Missions, Special Fund	988.24	
Asia Minor Missions, Special Fund	457.28	
Cyprus Missions, Special Fund	40.00	
China Missions, Special Fund	253.76	$36,505.86
Jewish Mission Board		160.40
Board of Church Erection		6,795.40
Olive Trees Account		423.47
		$43,885.13
Advances Made for Missionaries—		
Rev. J. S. Stewart, Latakia	50.00	
Rev. W. McCarroll, Mersine	4.00	54.00
Total		$43,831.13

Deposited as follows:

*Brown Brothers & Co., Philadelphia	$26,874.13	
Central National Bank, Philadelphia	11,164.40	
Bank of North America, Philadelphia	5,792.60	$43,831.13

*Includes deposit of May 2, 1916, $12,171.18.

Two items in the group of papers received from the World's Presbyterian Alliance were reported by the committee as pertaining to the Committee on Finance, and were so referred.

Rev. Robert H. Beatty, pastor of the Austin Presbyterian Church; Rev. Jas. Frothingham, Stated Clerk of the Chicago Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. C. H. Stevenson, of the Fifth United Presbyterian Church of Chicago, were introduced and extended the courtesies of the floor.

The committee to whom Paper No. 5 was referred reported. The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF CHURCH MUSIC.

The committee to which was referred the petition of the Chicago congregation with reference to proposed changes in the 1911 Psalter would respectfully report:

Concerning our Psalter the petition complains that "many of the tunes are not suitable for congregational singing;" that "many of the tunes are not the best calculated to express and interpret our praise;" and believeing that "there are a good many congregations that have found the same difficulties, and feel the same concerning the music of the Psalter, the session of the Chicago congregation humbly petition Synod for such changes in the 1911 Psalter as shall more suitably meet the needs of the people for congregational singing."

The question involved is one of musical taste. Like all the forms of art, music is appreciated according to the personal tastes and individual ideals of the person judging it, so that what is pleasing to one is not always acceptable to all. And just as musical tastes differ a psalter that will give universal and permanent satisfaction is not likely to be obtained. Dissatisfaction on the part of some with whatever music may be adopted is one of the difficulties which may be expected to arise continually in the use of any book to in which the Psalms are set to music.

That the present Psalter is cable of improvement is conceded by all, but in attempting any changes we believe that however urgent may be the demand, and however immediate some may believe the necessity to be, the following considerations should be kept in mind.

First, the Psalter as we now have it is the property of the Church, and the whole church is concerned in any changes that may be made in its music.

Second, opinions differ very radically among those who use the Psalter as to which selections are acceptable, and which, as the petition declares, "are unsuitable for congregational singing," and "are not the best calculated to express and interpret our praise."

Third, any attempt on the part of Synod or any revision committee to make "such changes in the music of the 1911 Psalter as shall more suitably meet the needs of the people for congregational singing" involves as great difficulties as were involved in the making of the Psalter, for which tastes differ as radically as they do. Some one is sure to be disappointed with the results of revision.

Fourth, it is no uncommon thing for a song book to become acceptable, not through a revision of its music, but through a little acquaintance with its merits, better skill in its rendering and a revision of one's own standard of judgment. In no case should any music be discarded until it has been given a fair trial as serving the purposes for which it is intended.

If these principles guide us in any changes that may be made, it is evident that the work of revision must proceed deliberately and with a due regard to the interests of all the parties concerned and all of the questions involved.

We therefore recommend that a Revision Committee be appointed to ascertain if the things mentioned in the petition be true and to whom all proposed changes in the Psalter shall be submitted, designating the music to which objection is made and suggesting the substitution desired, and report to next Synod.

T. M. SLATER, Chairman, D. H. ELLIOTT,
A. A. WYLIE, R. J. BOLE,
J. C. FRENCH, J. WALKER WILSON.

The Committee on National Reform reported. The report was taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, were adopted. The report was adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL REFORM.

Your committee on National Reform would respectfully report.

Two papers have been put into the hands of the committee.

1. The Financial Report of the National Reform Association.

This report sets forth the amounts of money received and expended by the Association in the interest of the cause, during the year. It is noticeable that some Four Thousand dollars more was received last year than the year before, showing an increased interest in the work on the part of the patrons and friends of reform.

The expansion of the work and the growing interest in it demands more of the wealth of God's people, and all friends of reform should remember the Association in their division of the Lord's money.

2. The report of the Covenanter members of the Association.

Synod recognizes that the Association is holding and steadily

promulgating the fundamental principles of this great movement, and is also activily engaged in all the practical reforms that are directly connected with it.

From this report we learn that the Association has given much of its time and money in a continuation of the crusade against the Morman Hierarchy. Its attacks against this un-American institution have been of such a character as to cause the Hierarchy to regard it as a foe of no mean ability and one with which it will sooner of later have to reckon.

The Synod commends the work of the Association against this false system of religion and encourages it to continue its attacks against it with unabated zeal and energy, until the people of this land shall become so thoroughly aroused to the dangers that threaten them in the system, that they will rise as one man and demand that our law makers shall take such steps as are necessary to keep this iniquitious system from coming into power in this country.

Synod gives its approval of the work of the Association along all lines of reform, and notes with special interest the visit made to President Wilson, setting before him the object and purposes of the Association; securing his approval and hearty indorsement of the work, together with the promise to do something in the future in bringing the great principles of National Reform to the attention of the people by a public expression of his views on the subject.

Your committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That Synod gives its hearty indorsement to the work of the Association and commends it to the liberality of the people under its care.

2. That inasmuch as the attention of the Christian world is directed toward Christ as the King of Nations as never before, and inasmuch as the nations at war are no nearer a basis of peace than a year ago, that Synod urges this Association to take some steps toward bringing the nations involved in war to consider the claims of Christ as the "Governor among the Nations."

3. That Synod approves of the reappointment of James S. Martin, James S. McGaw and James R. Wylie to the positions which they now occupy in the work of the Association.

4. That Synod names the sum of $10,000 as a guide to our people in making their contributions to this cause, and the first Sabbath of November as the time for receiving them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. FRENCH, Chairman, J. E. DODDS,
T. H. ACHESON, O. C. ORR.
E. K. PATTON,

REPORT OF COVENANTER MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION.

The Covenanter members of the National Reform Association take pleasure in presenting the work of the Association during the past year to the Reformed Presbyterian Synod, the hearts of whose members are so thoroughly committed to the truth of Christ's kingship in civil life that we are sure of a prayerful interest in this report, which we now submit.

The underlying principles of this movement are the kingship of Jesus, as mentioned above, the moral personality of the state and the application of God's revealed will in the operations of civil government. Directly arising from these basic truths is the necessity for the definite recognition of Christ and His word in the fundamental laws of the land; and as practical movements in harmony with efforts for such recognition, and as pointing definitely to its necessity, are the efforts to preserve Christian features in our civil life and to remove existing public evils.

The annual meeting of the Association last December, with the popular meetings in connection with it, was one of the best ever held, when the attendance, addresses, interest, financial returns and plans for the future are considered. "The Declaration of Principles, Aims and Methods of the National Reform Association," which was adopted after much careful consideration and revision at this meeting, and which is intended to present the essential attitude of the Association, contains the following statement under the head of "Principles:" "The state should recognize Christ as supreme in its sphere. This recognition should appear in the formal and fundamental compact of our national establishment, namely, the Constitution. And it should permeate the entire national life. All civil law should be in accord with the will of the supreme Law-Giver; all administration should be in harmony with the principles which He has delivered." Under the heading of "Methods" this declaration states that part of the purpose of the Association is the effort "to secure a constitutional acknowledgment of the nation's dependence upon God and its submission to Jesus Christ, its supreme ruler; the enactment of a code of laws in harmony with His civil teachings, and the administration of the government in accordance with His expressed will."

Anti-Mormon Crusade.

The Anti-Mormon Crusade has received a degree of attention and effort that may seem out of proportion to the general work of the Association. In explanation of this it may be said that any specific movement appeals more directly to the public than that which is general or abstract, and effort for the specific also brings support to the general work. Again, the Anti-Mormon Crusade is logically connected with the marriage and divorce work of our Association. Also there is no room for two kingdoms, those of Jesus Christ and of Joseph Smith, in this republic. The value and effectiveness of this crusade cannot be doubted. It has enlisted officers of Christian, moral reform, and patriotic bodies, and many of their members. It has been the means of putting more than 25,000 resolutions concerning Mormonism into different departments of the government at Washington. The women's organization has done splendid work. The crusade has profoundly stirred the Mormon hierarchy, as is seen, for example, in the amount of space devoted to the crusade in the Mormon official paper at Salt Lake; in the issuance by the Mormons of a booklet of twenty-four pages on "The Character of the Anti-Mormon Propaganda;" in their publication of a new book of "Doctrine and Covenants," with the polygamy revelation omitted, for deceptive purposes; in their sending apostles East, especially to Washington, and in their efforts to defeat the work of our publicity agent. The crusade being waged against them is national in the sense of petitions sent out, editorials in religious journals, notices in secular papers, action by church courts, and sermons and addresses given. The campaign is intensive in the States east of

the Rocky Mountains. With Pittsburg as a center, the work has been carried on for many hundreds of miles in different directions. The Mormon hierarchy knows that the National Reform Association is its most persistent and effective opponent. We have been advised that at their Thursday morning conclave in the temple at Salt Lake reports concerning the work of this crusade are submitted and considered. Our Association was the only organization to protest in behalf of our citizens before the Senate committee in 1904 in the Smoot case. Having entered upon this campaign, the difficulties, hardships and expenses of which we could not forecast, we do not feel like retreating in defeat, and we think you would not care to have us do so.

Bible in the Schools.

The problem of moral education in our public schools has been receiving constant attention. The annual report shows that many inquiries have been answered from headquarters, and thousands of pages of literature have been sent out in response to requests. Special work in this department has been done by the General Secretary, Dr. James S. McGaw. Practically all the towns of considerable size in Southern California and many in the northern part of the State have been visited by him. Up to the date of the annual meeting not a single ministerial association in any town had refused to co-operate. One hundred and eighty addresses were delivered; more than 200,000 people were reached, it is estimated, with his message. The Day of Prayer for schools was particularly emphasized; and, in part at least, as the result of such effort, it was observed more fully throughout the country than ever before. A special edition of the Christian Statesman was issued for this occasion. Five thousand letters were sent out to as many pastors in all sections of the country. Many sermons were preached, and many abstracts of these discourses appeared in the public press. This most important public work, which has many encouraging and discouraging features, is being pushed steadily forward.

Other Issues.

The evils of unscriptural divorce, Sabbath desecration and intemperance have been constantly discussed by the Association, and the law of God has been held up as the only cure for these public ills.

The question of peace, and of submission to Christ on the part of ruler and nation as essential to permanent peace, have entered prominently into the work of the Association during the past year. We have felt that this is an hour in which God is calling the nations of the earth to yield to the authority of His Son, and an hour peculiarly important for the proclamation of true National Reform principles.

Winona.

The institute at Winona last summer was encouragingly successful. Many different addresses to interested audiences were given by at least ten different speakers. Some of these addresses were given in the National Reform pavilion, but others were given in the general auditorium of the Winona Assembly. Such themes as Marriage and Divorce, Temperance, The Sabbath, and Mormonism, were discussed; and probably every phase of the National Reform movement was presented during this institute. Very effective work, in our opinion, was done at Winona during the past season.

The Christian Statesman.

The Christian Statesman during the past year has endeavored to give full and fair consideration to all the principles and questions involved in the work of national reformation. All who have read it with care will have perceived that it has steadily emphasized the law of Jesus Christ as the only basis of permanent national prosperity. In addition to editorials and contributed articles, various special departments have been conducted on Mormonism, Peace and the Bible in the Public Schools.

Publicity Bureau.

The Publicity Bureau has done much effective work, some of its particular efforts being in connection with Mormonism, the Bible in the Schools, and the Declaration of Principles already mentioned. The publicity agent says that the country was very widely covered on the Day of Prayer proposition. If you will examine in our office the clippings on file that relate to National Reform work you will be surprised at the widespread publicity now being given to the movement in the press. The National Reform Association and its work are now much more widely and thoroughly known than ever before.

Workers.

It is hardly practicable to mention all of the workers who have been in the employ of the Association in recent months. Some of these are: Dr. J. R. Wylie, Dr. I. A. Holbrook, Rev. L. C. Denise, Senator Frank J. Cannon, Dr. J. S. Martin, Dr. J. S. McGaw, Mrs. Lula Loveland Shepard, Mrs. Frances J. Diefenderfer and Mr. V. J. Danielsen, in addition to the office help, the publicity agent and the editors of the Christian Statesman.

Office.

Faithful and efficient workers in the office help in the correspondence and in the circulation of literature. During the year ending December 1 over 3,000 dictated letters were prepared, over 4,000 separately written form letters, and over 29,000 mimeograph letters—a total of over 36,000. Many letters and much literature have been sent to United States Senators and Representatives and other leaders in state and church. About 80,000 tracts were issued, and over four and a half million pages of literature were sent out.

Committee on Amendment.

It was thought timely to send a delegation to President Wilson in behalf of the Christian amendment, and accordingly a committee was appointed to go to Washington with a form of address appealing to the President in this hour of national and international crisis to use his influence in securing a recognition of the Lord Jesus Christ in our fundamental law. The following committee, representing the Association in the interests of the Christian amendment, was received by President Wilson at Washington on Monday, May 29: Dr. Henry Collin Minton, Dr. J. M. S. Isenberg, of the Reformed Church, Dr. Findley M. Wilson, Mr. Joseph M. Steele and Mr. Samuel Boggs. The President received the committee cordially and expressed himself as favoring our cause; asserted his firm conviction that the principles for which we stand have taken a place of vital importance in our national life, and that they must ever take a higher place. He said that on some opportune occasion in the future he will be glad to give expression to his views to this effect.

The Association is glad to announce that the total receipts for the year ending December 6, 1915, were nearly $39.000. The work of national reformation is vast in its scope, and the difficulties are many and great. Our Reformed Presbyterian Church is doing much by prayer, effort and sacrifice. The National Reform Association occupies a unique place in the sphere of Christian citizenship. It asks your continued interest, prayers and financial help to the extent of $10,000 for the next year. The work is of God, and in His own good time it will succeed. We are on the winning side.

Respectfully submitted, all the members of the committee concurring,

T. H. ACHESON, Chairman.

J. S. Martin, J. R. Wylie and J. S. McGaw were recommended by Synod to the Association as workers for the coming year.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION.

DECEMBER 1, 1914, TO DECEMBER 1, 1915.

December 1—Balance			$ 44.92
Receipts—			
Sale of Literature	$ 71.94		
Christian Statesman	1,203.03	$ 1,274.97	
General Contributions	5,836.14		
Field Secretaries	2,035.39		
Bible in the Public Schools	3,725.00	11,596.53	
Money secured on Collateral	3,000.00		
Anti-Mormon Crusade	20,557.61		
Women's Auxiliary Organization	2,401.75	25,959.36	38,830.86
			$38,875.78
Expenditures—			
Christian Statesman	$ 2,588.36		
Printing and Sundries	622.00	$ 3,210.36	
Postage, Supplies, Sundries	780.59		
Office Salaries and Rent	1,530.50	2,311.09	
Field Secretaries' Salaries	1,425.00		
Field Secretaries' Expenses	539.89	1,964.89	
General Publicity	615.00		
Third W. C. C. Publicity	330.00	945.00	
Bible in Public Schools; Publicity	350.00		
Bible Field Secretaries' Salaries	2,183.27		
Bible Field Secretaries' Expenses	1,148.66	3,681.93	
Anti-Mormon Publicity		2,632.50	
Anti-Mormon Books and Printing	501.14		
Anti-Mormon Post. Supplies	889.71		
Anti-Mormon Office Salaries	1,500.00	2,890.85	
Anti-Mormon Speakers' Salaries	19,550.81		

Anti-Mormon Speakers' Expenses	1,567.12	21,117.93	$38,754.55

December 1, 1915—Balance ..... $ 121.23

JAMES S. TIBBY, Treasurer.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 1, 1915.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 6, 1915.

I hereby certify that I have made a careful audit of the books and papers of the National Reform Association from December 1, 1914, to December 1, 1915, and herewith confirm the above report.

H. A. STOUT,
Public Auditor and Accountant.

The Committee on the Signs of the Times reported. The report was amended and adopted. The report was adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

Committee on the Signs of the Times would respectfully report:

Causes For Thanksgiving.

1. The goodness of God was never more clearly seen. Notwithstanding our great unworthiness, He has for another year, graciously continued the Ordinances of Grace. We still have His Holy Word—the preached Gospel—the forgiveness of sins—the hope of heaven, blessed be His Name.

2. We have our happy homes, our elementary, secondary and higher schools; our schools of advanced literary work; our colleges and seminaries.

3. Our Heavenly Father, according to the promise—"He careth for you"—has, notwithstanding our sins, spread meat before us, giving us each day our daily bread. He has clothed the vales with corn, giving fruitful seasons—He has seen that the streams of His bounty reach our doors, day by day.

4. As a nation, we have not been drawn into war, thank God. In our borders there is peace, but only because our Redeemer stays the rising passions of men. With what songs of thanksgiving should we praise His Name!

5. Never in all history has the world been so open to the Gospel as in the year 1916. Never was the volume of prayer so full. Never before were there so many Missionaries; never such millions of money contributed to this work; and never so many converts as now. The year has seen great strides, and a rising tide in enthusiastic devotion to this grandest work of the Church of God. We thank God for the spread of temperance and wider temperance territory; for clearer views on tobacco, with stronger opposition to its use; for increasing alarm of wide-spread Sabbath desecration, and worldliness which thinks to ride over the church of God.

For these and other reasons, Synod appoints the last Thursday of November as a Day of Thanksgiving unto God through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Causes For Fasting.

1. It is with humiliation that, after another year of God's work with us, and in us, we still see in our hearts and lives such evidence of original and actual sin. We are still far from the holy heart, the holy life, the God-like hatred of sin, demanded and required by the

holy law of God. That, after another year, we are so little moved by the wonderful love of Christ fills us with shame and confusion of face. We are scarcely moved by His appeal to help in saving a lost world.

2. With mingled shame and grief we see in some places the house of God desecrated with "teas," "social hours," and "moving pictures" on the Lord's Day; and on week-day, is sometimes the scene of dancing, theatricals, and worldly pleasures. Some, with membership in the Church of Christ, sit in judgment on the Word of God, questioning, if not rejecting, portions, even denying the Divinity and resurrection of our Lord. At the same time they are retained in Christ's house, and from this vantage ground, they continue to assail the faith of the people of God.

3. We are grieved and sorrow before our God that our nation still persists in its rejection of Christ as ruler and which greatly emboldens wickedness. The liquor traffic, Sabbath mail and other evils are established by law, and they continue to debauch and destroy the moral and spiritual life of man. We beseech God that He will not break us in pieces as with a rod or iron, and that He will graciously extend our time for repentance.

4. We are burdened because of the war across the sea, in which nations which should live in good fellowship are in the frenzy and madness of the most desperate and awful war the world has known. In it we see the hand of God, whose judgments are rigteous. Above the roar of battle is heard the voice of the Redeemer calling to the nations: "Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and ye perish from the way when His wrath is kindled but a little." We are grieved at heart that as a nation we are cultivating the war spirit instead of putting our trust in God. We are adding more soldiers to our army and more ships to our navy, and at an expense of hundreds of millions, and strongly cultivating the warlike spirit. We humbly petition the nation's Lord and King that He will forgive these our sins and give us a change of heart.

For these and other reason Synod appoints the Thursday of the Week of Prayer for the church in the United States, and such day as the brethren in Canada may agree upon, as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer through Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. FOSTER.

The report of the Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College was made the first order of the day for tomorrow morning.

J. R. Latimer was excused from further attendance on the meetings of the court.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. W. A. Aikin led in prayer.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Synod convened at 9 o'clock; was called to order by

the Moderator and constituted in prayer by W. C. Allen. The roll was called.

Paul Coleman, E. A. Crooks, D. B. Elsey, Jas. Ewing, T. L. Faris, S. R. McKelvey, J. U. McKeown, W. J. Knight, Walter Ross, D. O. Torrens and J. R. Wylie did not respond.

The minutes of the session on Monday afternoon were read and approved.

The Committee on Traveling Fund reported. The report was adopted as a whole. The balance in the fund was turned over to Synod's Treasurer. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRAVELING FUND.

Your committee would respectfully report:

Balance from last year	$ 6.37
Quotas from congregations	3,427.20
	$3,433.57
Expenses delegates	3,219.08
Balance on hand	$ 214.49

D. C. MATHEWS, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College was heard and taken up item by item for adoption.

Item 1 was adopted. J. M. Wylie and W. W. Carithers led the court in prayer. Items 2, 3, 5 and 6 were adopted. Item 4 was amended and adopted.

It was resolved that immediately after the adoption of this report as a whole Synod shall proceed to the election of a professor to succeed D. B. Willson in the Seminary.

R. H. Martin and R. C. Wylie addressed the court in the interests of the College.

The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND GENEVA COLLEGE.

Your committee would respectfully report that five papers have been referred to us—the reports of Board of Superintendents of Theological Seminary, Board of Corporators of Geneva College, Board of

Trustees of Geneva College, resolution on incorporating Bible study in the college and seminary courses and the resignation of Prof. D. B. Wilson from the seminary.

The report of the Seminary Board shows nine students in attendance last year—three in the third year, one in the second and five in the first. We are thankful to the Head of the church for the increased number last year. We highly approve of the efforts of the Seminary to keep the claims of the ministry before the students of the College. We place on record Synod's high appreciation of the work and devotion of Prof. Willson in 41 years of service. It is with keen regret that we are constrained to act on his resignation.

We note with satisfaction the increasing influence of the College from year to year. We are thankful for the improved conditions of the buildings and grounds. We pledge our earnest support in the campaign to secure $100,000 to put the College on a stronger financial basis. We place on record our appreciation of the valued services of President George and Professor McIsaac, and are sorry to lose their influence from the college life. We pledge our hearty support to the newly elected President, R. H. Martin, and commend the selection of A. A. Johnston to succeed Professor McIsaac. We shall strive with the new administration to increase the spiritual atmosphere of the College.

We recommend:

1. That a season be spent in thanksgiving for the added students in the Seminary and prayer for more candidates for the ministry, to be led by J. M. Wylie and W. W. Carithers.

2. That the Seminary Board be instructed to take under advisement the propriety of introducing distinct courses of study in the English Bible, and such other courses as may qualify workers for the mission fields; also a Bible correspondence and summer school courses, and report a plan of action to next Synod.

3. That the College Board be instructed to provide a course of study in the English Bible of at least two hours a week as soon as it can be conveniently introduced into the curriculum.

4. That the resignation of Prof. D. B. Willson be accepted and he be made professor emeritus of the Seminary. We recommend further that Synod after a season of prayer proceed to ballot for his successor.

5. That W. J. Coleman, M. M. Pearce, R. J. G. McKnight and J. D. McAnlis be chosen their own successors on the Seminary Board, and J. A. McAteer his own successor on the Board of Corporators of Geneva College.

6. That R. C. Wylie and R. H. Martin be heard in behalf of the Trustees of the College.

D. H. ELLIOTT, Chairman,
J. M. JOHNSTON,
J. B. GILMORE,
J. C. THOMPSON,
J. R. DILL.

REPORT OF SEMINARY BOARD.

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary would respectfully report that the regular annual meeting was held on April 24 and 25, 1916.

The closing exercises of the Seminary this year were made somewhat more formal than in preceding years. A sermon to the graduating class was preached by Dr. T. H. Acheson, of Pittsburg, in the Allegheny church on Sabbath evening, April 23.

The graduating class was also addressed on Tuesday evening, April 25, by Dr. W. Henry George, President of Geneva College.

The following students were in attendance during the year:

Third Year—R. C. Adams, Anthony J. Khouri, Jesse C. Mitchell.

Second Year—Donald Bruce Martin.

First Year—C. B. Reed, B. A. White, Charles T. Carson, J. K. Gault, R. W. Redpath.

The oral examinations before the board were conducted by Prof. Willson in Church Government and by Prof. Wylie in Systematic Theology. All of the students delivered discourses before the board. Diplomas were given to the members of the third-year class, and D. B. Martin was certified to Pittsburg Presbytery for licensure.

The reports of the professors have been published.

The Seminary faculty was directed to confer with the faculty of Geneva College with a view to arranging for frequent presentation of the claims of the ministry before the students of the College.

The board has established a rule requiring each student of the Seminary to prepare at least one sermon on some one of our distinctive principles during his Seminary course.

The matter of the increase in the salaries of the professors in the Seminary is hereby referred to Synod.

The current account of the Seminary shows an increase over last year.

The opening lecture was delivered by Prof. R. C. Wylie on "The Prophetic Functions of the Ministry."

Two series of discourses were delivered by the students during the term.

The students have organized a "Forum" and have been addressed by various ministers on themes pertaining to the work of the ministry. Prof. Sleeth has given regular instruction in the art of public speaking.

We ask for the Seminary an appropriation of $2,000.

The time for which W. J. Coleman, M. M. Pearce, R. J. G. McKnight, Wm. Esler and J. D. McAnlie were chosen members of the board has expired, and their successors should be elected.

W. J. COLEMAN, Chairman pro tem.

R. J. G. McKNIGHT, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CORPORATORS OF GENEVA COLLEGE.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church:

The Board of Corporators of Geneva College takes pleasure in submitting to you the annual report of the Board of Trustees of the College, which affords a full account of the College work for the year. This report will be read by R. C. Wylie, President of the Board of Trustees.

We note with gratitude to the Head of the church that the College is increasing in its influence from year to year. In the curriculum of study, in the number of students in attendance, in the interest manifested by the community in the welfare of the College, in the improved condition of the buildings and grounds, as well as in the support given by our church at large, we believe the College occupies a more influential position than ever heretofore.

The interest manifested by the Alumni and other friends in planning to meet the large financial debt incurred in raising the College to

its present state of efficiency amply justifies the action of the Board of Trustees in planning large things for this institution of learning, and now that the community in the neighborhood of College Hill is arranging to assist in securing the sum of $100,000 to liquidate this debt and in other ways to advance the interest of the College, we urge the church to do its full share to this end. We also join in the request of the Board of Trustees that $5,000 be the sum asked for in the annual collection.

We regret that Dr. William Henry George has decided to sever his connection with the College at this time. We acknowledge with gratitude that the nine years of his administration have been years of steady progress. His government has been mild, but firm, while his gentlemanly conduct and studious habits have had the most favorable influence in stimulating the students to thorough work in their studies.

The newly elected President, the Rev. R. H. Martin, for nine years Secretary of the Board of Trustees, has been closely identified with Mr. George in laboring for the success of the College, and deserves large credit for the present standing of the institution. This service peculiarly prepares him for the new duties of the presidency of the institution. Mr. Martin is well known in the church, also widely and favorably known in the Beaver Valley as a Christian worker and moral reformer, and his appointment will meet in a very large measure the approval of the community.

We hope the church will give the new President, the faculty of the College and its financial agents its hearty support in the years to come.

The time for which Mr. J. A. McAteer was elected to serve as a member of this board now expires, and his successor should be elected at this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. McFEETERS, President.

J. R. WYLIE, Secretary.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GENEVA COLLEGE.

To the Board of Corporators of Geneva College the Board of Trustees would respectfully report:

The college year just closed has been in many ways a most successful one. The attendance in the collegiate department was 152, an increase over that of last year of 23; attendance in the department of music, 107; public speaking, 20;, 12. Total (deducting those counted twice), 278. The attendance at the summer school of 1915 was about 150. This makes a grand total for the year of about 428.

The graduation class numbers 30. Nineteen receive the degree A. B., eight the degree B. S., five the degree S. C.

The faculty reports that the class room work of the students has been good. The department of Public Speaking has made marked progress during the year. Mr. John Downie, representing Geneva, took first place in the intercollegiate oratorical contest, six colleges participating. Last year also Geneva's representative took first place in this contest, and second place the two years preceding. In intercollegiate debates Geneva won one and lost two. In the department of physical education work in the gymnasium is now required, and credit is given for it the same as in other departments. In intercollegiate athletics the year was a very successful one. In football Geneva won six out of

eight games; in basket ball eight out of ten games. She also won in the two track meets in which she participated.

The Glee Club, which filled an important place in the college life two years ago, was reorganized at the beginning of this year and has fully maintained the high standard it set in former years. An extended eastern trip was taken by the club during the year, and a number of concerts were given in the local community. The board considers this as one of the best means of advertising the College and for a number of years has contributed to the financial support of the club.

The usual provision for the religious life of the students has been made. The Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. are both in good condition. Meetings are held each Wednesday evening from 6:45 to 7:30 o'clock. A Bible class for students was held each Sabbath morning. The students hold their own prayer meeting service on Sabbath evening. A number of students teach in mission Sabbath schools, and one of our professors superintends a mission school. The Student Volunteer Band studied the Koran under the leadership of Miss Evangeline Metheny, who is home from the mission field on account of the war.

In its physical equipment the College is now in excellent condition. The ladies' dormitory was remodeled and refurnished last summer at a cost of nearly $5,000. This was a greatly needed improvement. The dormitory is now a clean and respectable home for the college girls. During the past year and previous years the equipment in the Science Hall has been greatly increased through the efforts of Mr. Clarke. The science department is now fully able to give those courses in biology, physics and chemistry which are made necessary by the advances in modern scientific theory.

The amount of money raised and turned into the treasury during the year by Dr. W. P. Johnston and Rev. Robert Clarke is not as large as in former years. This is due, in part at least, to the fact that both of them have been turning their energies in other directions for the benefit of the College on account of the financial campaign for funds which is now being inaugurated, the plan of which will be outlined later in this report. They have felt that larger amounts could be secured from some who have been contributors to the College in view of the organized movement for funds than they would give, and therefore have not solicited them in view of the approaching campaign. Dr. Johnston's report, covering the period from June 1, 1915, to June 1, 1916, shows that $1,026.50 were raised. Mr. Clarke's report, covering the same priod, shows a total of $3,087.62 in cash and donations. It is known that sume aggregating several times this amount are promised through their efforts. Both Dr. Johnston and Mr. Clarke spent considerable time in canvassing for students.

It is with regret that we report that on April 1 Dr. W. H. George resigned his position as President of the College, his resignation to take effect on June 8, the close of the present college year. President George gave as the reason for his resignation his desire to be relieved of administrative duties, that he might devote his entire time to research work. A meeting of the board was held, at which President George was present and reiterated his desire and purpose, as above stated. While feeling deeply the loss the College would sustain in losing the valued services of President George, the board did not feel that it should stand in the way of his carrying out what he believes to be his life work, and accepted his resignation.

The Board of Trustees desires to express its high appreciation of

President George and of what he has done for the College during the nine years of his administration. President George is a man of character, of high ideals, a cultured man, a scholar and a teacher of the first class. While not caring for administrative work, his ability along that line is evidenced by his amicable relations with the faculty and by the good order and spirit of the students throughout his administrations. The relations of this board with President George have always been pleasant. Under his administration the College has made great progress. In summarizing this progress we cannot do better than quote from President George's last report:

"In 1908 we began the work of raising the literary standard of the College by recasting and modernizing the curriculum, with a view to provide a complete education in the classics, in general culture and in science. This threefold aim is reflected in the three courses we have: Classical, Latin Scientific, and Scientific.

"Our next step was to introduce a Department of Education to furnish instruction in the institutes and principles of education, and thus to fit students for the profession of teaching. Partly as a result of this department Geneva graduates are able to fill prominent school positions, to shape the educational policy of their respective communities, and to be of great service to the College.

"In order to give prominence to science we made biology a separate department. This change gave us a strong course preparatory to medicine and attracted students.

"In 1912 a long step forward was taken by discontinuing the Preparatory Department. We have not regretted this change, because it has brought us a mature class of students, thus improving discipline, and has removed cause of friction between the secondary schools of the valley and Geneva.

"Perhaps the greatest achievement of the presnt administration, from a literary point of view, has been the gathering and holding a corps of teachers with scholarly instincts and ambitions. Our professors for the most part are progressive and desirous of becoming masters of their respective fields. These teachers have inspired students to pursue advanced work in larger schools, and without exceptions our graduate students have taken high rank and been a credit to our College.

"Apart from literary standing the greatest achievement of the present administration has been the improvement of the physical plant. I speak of it as an achievement of the present administration, not because I personally have had much to do with it, but because it has fallen within the limits of my administration. The credit is due to Mr. Clarke and Dr. Johnston, which came to us in 1909 and 1910 respectively. We now have a new and handsome gymnasium, a fire-proof science hall, a remodeled and refurnished dormitory, a modern and beautiful auditorium, and a campus that is a delight to the eye. All these improvements have cost money and we are in debt, but as a question of values we are far ahead of where we were in 1907."

On April 26 the board elected the Rev. R. H. Martin, pastor of the College Hill congregation, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of President George. At the annual meeting, held on May 30, the board was informed by a committee appointed at the previous meeting to confer with Mr. Martin that he had signified his accepance of the position. For the past nine years Mr. Martin has been closely connected with the College as Secretary of the Board of Trustees, and is

well equipped for the administration of its affairs. The numerous and hearty expressions of approval of the board's choice of President by friends of the College most familiar with its present needs, accompanied by assurance of generous support, encourage us to look for a greater measure of prosperity for this institution in the future than it has ever enjoyed in the past.

Professor R. J. McIsaac, who has had charge of the Department of History and has taught Bible, resigned his position and severed his connection at the close of this college year. The board placed on record its appreciation of Prof. McIsaac as a Christian gentleman and scholar and of the fidelity with which he served the College through the many years of his connection with it. Rev. A. A. Johnston, son of President-Emeritus W. P. Johnston, was elected his successor.

Prof. Earnest Lunt, of Pittsburg, will take the place of Prof. Van Guelpen, teacher of voice, who severed his connection with the College this year. With the above exceptions all of last year's faculty will be with us next year. Spanish will be introduced next year. The present teachers of French and German have charge of it.

The Treasurer's report shows a deficit in the current account of $28,353.46, an increase over last year of $4,606.44. This increase is explained by the fact that the expense of remodeling and refurnishing the dormitory ($4,782.19) instead of being placed in a separate account was charged to the current account. Had it not been for this there would have ben a slight decrease in the current account department. There remains unpaid on the Science Hall $8,622.98. The fund for the equipment of the Science Hall is overdrawn $1,683.04. The total of these three items of indebtedness is $38,659.53. The amount of the notes unpaid, which Synod's Board of Trustees hold as security for the $15,000 borrowed from Synod's Board to secure the Carnegie money, is $10,060.13.

To cancell all these obligations and to add $50,000 to the endowment fund of the College a financial campaign is now in course of preparation, with headquarters in Beaver Falls, to raise $100,000. A local Executive Committee of twenty-five of the leading citizens of the Beaver Valley has been secured. This committee has had several meetings and is enthusiastic and confident over the campaign. The plan as at first proposed by the Board of Trustees was to raise $25,000 in the Beaver Valley and $25,000 in the church. The local committee insisted that this amount was too small and voted unanimously that it should be doubled. A six-day campaign will begin June 15 to raise $50,000 in the Beaver Valley and $50,000 outside. From 150 to 200 people in the Beaver Valley have been secured as canvassers in the local campaign, and the Alumni and friends of the college in Pittsburg and Philadelphia are organizing similar campaigns on a smaller scale in these cities. In view of the magnificent effort being made by the citizens of the Beaver Valley and by other friends and Alumni of the College, the question is being asked, What will the Reformed Presbyterian Church do? This is a challenge to the church to put forth our best efforts not only to cancel the debt, but to add a substantial amount to the working capital of the College. Surely it is not too much to expect that the church will add $25,000 to the above amount.

We hereby ask that the following plan be adopted for securing this amount:

1. That the effort to secure it be made simultaneously with the effort to secure the proposed hundred thousand dollars.

2. That each member of this Synod immediately upon his return home, and especially pastors and elders in congregations here represented, lay the matter before their people and urge their immediate and hearty co-operation to raise the twenty-five thousand.

3. That each member of Synod take home with him enough of the following cards to supply the people who in his judgment are able and might be interested to contribute, or to secure contributions from others:

Obtained by_____ Solicitor's Name

Team_____ If paid mark here ( )

$_____ No._____

_____ 1916

For the purpose of completing payment upon improvements made during recent years, and other outstanding obligations, and for further increasing the efficiency of Geneva College, and in consideration of the subscriptions of others, I promise to pay to Treasurer of Campaign Fund.

_____ DOLLARS

payable in four semi-annual installments beginning July 1st, 1916, or I will pay

_____

SIGNED_____

Please Write Plainly

ADDRESS_____

Street and Number City

Make checks payable to W. W. Potts, Treasurer.

4. That, so far as at all possible, teams, so called, of from five to ten each be formel in each congregation or community to solicit the members of the congregation and friends in the community.

5. That a list of the names and addresses of all prospective givers in their respective congregations or among their friends be furnished the President-elect of the college at once by all the members of the Synod, that they may immediately be mailed appropriate literature to prepare them for intelligent and generous giving.

The Board asks for the annual synodical appropriation of $5,000.

R. C. Wylie and President-elect R. H. Martin were appointed to represent the College before Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. WYLIE, Pres. of the Board.

The order of the day was taken up and the time was extended till the work should be finished. Synod engaged in a season of prayer, after which nominations were made, the balloting proceeded and resulted in the election of R. J. G. McKnight. Synod engaged in prayer.

A committee of three was appointed to give Mr.

McKnight official notification of his election and to report his answer to Synod.

Recess till 2 p. m. Prayer by Elder Jas. Moore.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Synod reconvened at 2 o'clock; was called to order by the Moderator. E. A. Crooks offered prayer. Roll call was dispensed with. Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Nominating Committee made a partial report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Home Missions reported. The report was taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, were adopted. The parties were heard and the report was adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions would respectfully report: The papers referred to us are the report of the Jewish Mission Board, the report of the Central Board of Missions, and the resignation of John Yates as a member of this board.

We note with satisfaction the adaption of the method of work in the Jewish Mission to the special opportunity among the children, and the enterprise manifest in the trip to Northfield. We consider that the question of the development of work along the line, of industrial work may be safely left to the discretion of the Board and the missionary in charge. The workers are to be commended for their manifest devotion to their trust.

The work at Selma seems to be growing. The demand for a chapel at East Selma is gratifying and worthy of encouragement. The large number of boys who have taken the industrial course seems to those who know how much the elevation of that race depends upon economic efficiency to give promise of good things to come.

Recognizing the value of music and especially of singing in the school work of the Southern Mission, we regret that more has not been accomplished in this direction. The chief needs in this department are a competent teacher and a series of books to be used in the various grades. Our hope is that some one will be led to consider the great opportunity there is for service in this field, and consecrate herself to the work. The training in the Scriptures has been given deserved attention.

We rejoice with the Indian Mission workers in the evidence of development in the congregation at Cache Creek, and in the signs that though the Indian moves slowly he is moving in the right direction. Nor should it pass without notice that the good management of the mission farm has been made for years to provide so steadily for the running expenses of the work. This mission has been a splendid

training station for many workers in our other mission fields, and we are glad that the mission itself is getting its share of the harvest justified by so long a period of sowing. The light is piercing the darkness of that community.

We should like to urge that every congregation as a company of Christian workers study their local field with the question, "What would a missionary do in my place?" That our three missions to needy races in this country need not be the limit of our work, is being constantly proved by many congregations who are finding a great blessing in mission work right at home.

We recommend:

1. That R. C. Montgomery, S. A. S. Metheny and John Buchanan be chosen as their own successors on the Jewish Mission Board.

2. That T. H. Aceson, R. J. G. McKnight, and J. C. Slater be chosen their own successors on the Central Board, and that D. B. Willson be elected in the place of John Yates.

3. That the superintendents of our three home missions be heard in connection with this report, with J. S. Tibby for the Domestic Mission Fund, Robert Popoweetai for the Indian Mission and Rev. Kingston for the work at Selma.

4. That we call the attention of the church to the depleted condition of the Jewish Mission treasury and urge a prompt response to its present needs.

5. That we emphasize the need of adequate support of the Domestic Mission Fund. This is a type of mission work which while usually without the romance of new conquest has the strongest Scriptural sanctions and the importance of absolute need. At the same time we ask that the 44 congregations receiving aid seek to be mission centers and aim to reduce their petitions for help from this fund.

PAUL COLEMAN, Chairman, J. D. McKNIGHT,
SAMUEL EDGAR, L. M. PATTERSON.
W. J. SANDERSON,

REPORT OF CENTRAL BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Central Board of Missions would respectfully report that the regular meetings have been held during the year. The interest of the various Missions under the care of this board have received careful attention.

Domestic Missions.

The board has paid the supplements to the salaries of the pastors of aid-receiving congregations to the amount approved by Synod. As in the past the board has voted supplements in cases of settlement since the last meeting of Synod and has used the funds under the control of this board for the development of new fields. Synod will note that there is an overdraft on the treasury of Domestic Missions. It should also be noted that this fund during the year has received from the congregations and societies of the church about one-third of the amount appropriated by Synod.

Receipts for the year	$11,825.54
Expenditures	13,003.61
Overdraft	1,178.07
Last year there was a balance of	2,260.74

Forty-four congregations received aid.

We request for this mission an appropriation of $12,000.

Southern Mission.

The Southern Mission has had a prosperous year. The new superintendent, Rev. G. A. Edgar has proven himself worthy of his position. Extensive repairs were necessary in the line of roofing, painting and fencing. The board directed him to have the work done. He reports in these words: The repairs authorized by the board have been in progress all year and attended to as time and opportunity were afforded by the regular school work.

The work of the Kindergarden Department under the charge of Mrs. S. A. Parker began September 20th and closed April 20th. Her total enrollment was 77 and average daily attendance was 49. They committed Psalms 1, 19, 23, 131 and 134.

The school at East Selma opened September 28. The enrollment in the two lower grades was 65 and the average attendance for the year was 49. These grades committed the 18th, 20th and 25th chapters of Mathew, the 1st, 23rd and 103rd psalms and Ec. 12th, besides completing and reviewing the catechism. Miss Kingston reports one conversions during the year. She adds, "We need a chapel and the Mother's Improvement Club is working to that end. Please encourage us." They have Prayer Meeting once a week and a Temperance Exercise once a month.

In the upper grades the enrollment was 23 and the average attendance for the year 16. Sixty-five catechism questions and 279 Bible verses were committed to memory.

Sabbath School is carried on all year and during the school year the superintendent preaches once a month.

Knox Academy opened Oct. 5th with a good attendance. The members gradually increased through the winter until the Spring work began. The superintendent writes: "the primary grade actually overflowed and it became necessary to divide the class into a morning and a afternoon section. To overcome the congested condition of the third and fourth grades it was necessary for a while to increase our teaching force." The total enrollment at Knox reached 535 and the teachers records show an average daily attendance of 388. The total enrollment was 844. The graduating class numbered 8.

In Miss Fowler's section of the industrial department the girls from the third grade up received instruction in sewing and in cooking. In Prof. Bottoms' section one hundred and seven boys took the course in carpentry and four in blacksmithing. They were taught the names and uses of tools, house construction, cabinet articles and painting.

The industrial exhibit held May 12th made a very creditable display to the school and its patrons of the work done in these lines during the year.

Mrs. Ashurst has taught music in all the grades at Knox and has given one-half day per week to the pupils at East Selma. One hindrance to this work was lack of books. The class taking instruction on the piano was small because of hard times.

The Pleasant Grove School began in November with an enrollment of 85. The number increased to 117. They learned 224 catechism questions and 288 Bible verses. The Sabbath School's average attendance for twelve months was 35.

Valley Creek School opened in Nov. Attendance was discouraging. By New Years the enrollment was 20.

The superintendent writes, "believing that the formation of right habits is as important an acquisition as the gaining of book knowledge, the discipline of the school has been directed to that end."

Receipts for the year	$11,101.61
Expenditures	10,473.28
Balance	628.32
We request for this mission	6,500.00

Indian Mission.

The report from the Indian Mission indicates a year of activity and fruitfullness. The school work has been conducted without interruption during the year and with the largest attendance in the Kindergarden since it was instituted. The Home and school training have combined to lead the children in the right way. The superintendent writes: we never had children who delighted more in singing the psalms and the various little exercises belonging to such children in the home.

Sabbath School has been conducted at various places around the Mission. It seems to be like the church of the Thessalonians a center from which sounds out the word of the Lord.

The workers are gratified as they see and gather in the fruits of past sowing. The Indian moved slowly from the wild roaming life to the ideal Christian one. In the past few years more families have settled on their farms near the Mission. The children have entered the schools and these have been a great factor in bringing them to our manners and customs. Both parents and children want to be on an equality with others and there is an imitation in dress, lunches and manners. Parents, who had neglected to put in practice many things they were taught in the Mission in the line of housekeeping, are now beginning to see the benefit this would be to their children. Some at least have returned to the Mission for counsel and help.

As one reads the report of the superintendent he might conclude that the Mission had developed into a model congregation. There is a good attendance at the church service. The contributions have increased considerably. The attendance at prayer-meeting is improving and also the interest in the service.

These brethren have no doubt sought first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and the material things have been given. The superintendent again writes: the results from the farm work have been quite satisfactory during the year. It furnished us all the dairy product that the Mission could use and also some to sell. It furnished meat for all at the Mission and a large part of the provision for the table during the year came from the farm. In fact, no year of the Missions history has shown the farm and the Mission to be so nearly self-supporting.

We record with thankfulness the fact that there has been no serious sickness among the Mission force or the children during the year and the Lord has given us throughout the year a farther token of his favor in the fact that there has been hearty co-operation and a spirit of Christian kindliness and fellowship among the workers throughout the year. While this has become a matter that we of the Mission expect with confidence, yet we wish to record that we recognize this as being one of the Lord's great gifts to us.

Recepits for the year	$9,231.63
Expenditures	7,487.24
Balance	1,744.39

We request for this Mission an appropriation of $6,500.

The time for which Revs. T. H. Acheson, R. J. G. McKnight, S. G. Conner, John Yates and J. C. Slater were elected expires at this time. Their successors should be chosn.

S. G. CONNER, Chairman.
A. C. COULTER, Secretary.

REPORT OF JEWISH MISSION BOARD.

The work at the Jewish Mission has been carried on during the past year along the usual lines, and with more than usual consecration and efficiency of the missionaries themselves. There has been no interruption of the work during the year. Even during the summer when heretofore it has been customary to close the mission, owing to the heat of the city and the absence of many of the children, this year the work has been kept up. The superintendent himself took no vacation, and during the usual vacation time was holding four or five special outdoor services each week. These were held in a public park near the mission, usually at the noon hour, and were attended at times by as many as could get within the sound of the speaker's voice.

During the winter of the past year it has proved impossible to secure a suitable Jewish speaker. Many of the adults of the community can understand an address only when it is delivered in their own language. For that reason the attendance of adults has somewhat declined, and the work has more and more developed among the children. This has perhaps been truly providential, for the adults are hard to impress, and the children are often touchingly impressive and responsive. On illustration of this is worthy of mention. All who attended the mission knew, and were attracted by a little girl named Rachael Schwan. She drew attention by her singing, and was especially noticed at the entertainments which were held. Last year she was stricken with a fatal and very painful disease. As she lay on her bed suffering, and knowing that she would die, the visiting missionary went to see her. In her presence she repeated word for word the twenty-third Psalm, and when asked about her Saviour said: "Yes, I love Jesus," and so fell asleep. The missionary said, "This one incident would have repaid me for all that I have done."

On account of this receptive and responsive attitude of the children, the missionaries have been willing to direct their work more and more to them. An object sermon has been given to them, usually with a few adults present, on each Sabbath evening. In addition to this there have been various other meetings for them, such as the Mercy Band, the kindergarten and the sewing classes, with attendance ranging from ten or twelve to enough to fill the house. It would interest the members of the Synod to see the mission on one of its busy afternoons, such as one recently, when there were thirty large girls in one room, and eighteen smaller ones in another, with three small boys trying to play indoor baseball in a space 9x6 feet in the center of the room. Considering this enlargement of the work among the children we remember the Master said, "Feed my lambs," and we recognize that in the children is the hope of the future, and so we have not regretted the necessity which compelled the mission to turn its attention largely to them. We feel sure that the seed sown in their young hearts will yet bear a fruitful harvest.

This is not intended to indicate however that the older people have been neglected. The adults are addressed at the outdoor meetings, and are always welcomed and expected at the preaching services, and are reached especially by personal visits and interviews by the missionaries. A mothers' meeting also is held, at which there is an enrollment of twenty-five.

The visiting missionary, Miss Forsythe, reports this year 847 visits, and 318 interviews, or personal talks with callers. The work of the Mercy Band, the sewing classes, and mothers' meetings are also largely under her care. One most interesting and fruitful part of her work last year was the taking of six of the larger girls for a month's stay at Northfield, Mass., the home of the Moody Bible Schools and Summer Assembly. This was made possible by the generosity of Mrs. E. F. Peebles and her daughter, who offered to the missionaries the use of a new cottage, which they had erected there for the purpose. By the generous and special contributions of friends of the mission, the other expenses connected with the trip were provided for, and the children had the benefit of one month under the personal care of Miss Forsythe and Mrs. Peebles and her daughter, amidst the favorable surroundings of Northfield. The results were exceedingly gratifying in many ways. At one of the services near the close of the assembly, the speaker asked if any in the audience were willing to give their hearts to the Lord Jesus Christ. Eight children in the audience arose, and six of them were our little Jewish girls from the mission. They give evidence of being sincere followers of the Master.

In the community represented by our mission are 60,000 people most of whom are foreigners to our shores, many of whom are in destitute circumstances, and all of whom could be most effectively reached, as our Master reached the multitudes of His day, by some demonstration of Christian kindness and love. This fact has weighed on the mind and heart of our missionaries. For some time Mr. Blair has been considering a plan for opening an industrial work in connection with the mission. It is believed that such a work would serve a threefold purpose. It would first of all do something toward relieving the destitution of families which come into touch with the mission; it would stand as an illustration of the kindly Christian feeling with which our missionaries go down into that field; and it would offer an effective point of contact with the people for the presentation of the Gospel message. The Board considers favorably the possibility of such an enterprise, and has made inquiries as to methods employed successfully in other places. Plans have not developed sufficiently as yet to report definitely as to just how the work may be undertaken. The way seems to be opening up however, the plan in general seems feasable, and we may have more interesting things to report by another year.

Last year we were able to report a communion service held not long before the meeting of Synod, and the reception and baptism of seven members at that time. This year there are in attendance at the mission a number who profess to believe in Jesus, and are willing to be baptised. Our missionary has not yet thought it wise to proceed to receive them however. The reason is that he knows that as soon as they are received and baptised they will be subjected to severe persecution. Of those who were received last year none are attending the mission now. Some are attending other places, and the missionary is in touch with all but two of them; but fear and the

inability to get work keep them from coming to the mission. This condition makes it seem wise to delay in receiving others, who would be willing to come, until they appear well enough grounded in the faith to meet the difficulties which they will encounter.

Of the $4,000.00 appropriated last year we received $3,232.76. At the close of this fiscal year we have in our treasury but $57.51, as against $890.41 at the same time last year. This will leave us facing the summer months, in which little is received, with an empty treasury. Until the time of the annual offerings are received for this work we will be dependent on the special contributions of the friends of the mission. These offerings have never failed us, and we hope will be generous at this time. For the coming year we ask an appropriation of $4,000.00; all of which will be needed.

The time for which R. C. Montgomery, S. A. S. Metheny and John Buchanan were elected has expired and their successors should be chosen.

Signed,
J. C. McFEETERS, Pres.
McLEOD M. PEARCE, Secy.

D. H. Elliott and J. D. Edgar were authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for the expenses of their committees during the year.

J. W. Lucas and W. W. Twinam were excused from further attendance on the meetings of Synod.

The Moderator announced the following standing committees:

Order of Business—W. J. McKnight, I. A. Blackwood, E. A. Crooks, J. M. Henning, S. R. McKelvey.

Devotional Exercises—A. A. Samson, W. J. Sanderson, S. E. Greer, J. E. Dodds, J. M. Edgar.

Evangelistic Work—T. C. McKnight, C. A. Dodds, D. B. Elsey, A. D. McNeil, R. M. Rambo.

Psalmody—S. J. Johnson, W. C. Coleman, M. S. McMillan, J. M. Brown, N. Patton.

Signs of the Times—R. J. G. McKnight, J. M. Coleman, R. Hargrave, W. S. Wylie, Walter Ross.

Sabbath Schools—E. L. McKnight, J. B. Tweed, S. F. Kingston, S. P. Wylie, M. S. Bell.

Unfinished Business—The Clerk and the Assistant Clerk.

The Committee on Finance reported. Report taken up item by item for adoption. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11,

adopted. Items 9 and 10 were amended and adopted. Item 12 was added. The ballot required by the adoption of Item 2 was cast. Report adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance would respectfully report and offer the following recommendations:

1. That the reports of James S. Tibby, Joseph M. Steele, and of the treasurer of the Aged Peoples Home be published after the usual manner.

2. That the Clerk of Synod be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for James A. McAteer, James H. McBurney, and James S. Tibby, to be their own successors on Synod's Board of Trustees for a term of three years ending June 15, 1919.

3. That the bill for printing the Order of Business amounting to $7.00, deficit for printing Bible Reading Folders, amounting to $4.59; bill of $1.20 for typewriting paper; bill for printing and postage incurred by Committee on Systematic Beneficience amounting to $7.85; amounting in all to $20.64, be paid out of the Literary Fund.

4. That the customary contribution of $40.00 to the treasurer of the Western Section of the Presbyterian Alliance be paid out of the Literary Fund.

5. That the Clerk of Synod publish 1,500 copies of the Minutes of 1916, and that they be placed in the hands of J. S. Tibby for sale at 25 cents each, the deficit, if any, to be paid out of the Literary Fund.

6. That the bequest of Miss Margaret Edgar, Sterling, Kansas, January 15, 1916, amounting to $1,999.00 be distributed as follows: Domestic Missions, $799; Foreign Missions, $500; Southern Missions, $400; Jewish Mission, $300.

7. That the proceeds from the sale of the four vacant lots of the disorganized Staunton, Ill., congregation be divided as follows: Church Erection, $500; Domestic Mission, $400; Geneva College, $300; Aged Ministers' Fund, $300; Southern Mission, $300; and to the Denver congregation, $184.63.

8. That in the matter of increase of salaries of professors in the Seminary we recommend that there be no increase, but in case of special need that it be met by an appropriation.

9. That Professor D. B. Willson be granted a yearly allowance of $1,000, beginning September 1, 1916.

10. That a contribution of $30.00 be paid out of the Literary Fund to the Treasurer of the Alliance of the Reformed Churches throughout the world holding the Presbyterian system.

11. That the following schedule of collections be adopted:

Sabbath.	Purpose.	Amount.
June 3rd	Literary Fund	$ 2,000.00
July 1st	Aged Ministers 5/9, Widows and Ohpans 4/9	4,500.00
July 3rd	Aged Peoples Home	1,500.00
August 1st	Theological Seminary	2,000.00
August 3rd	Jewish Mission	4,000.00
September 1st	Southern Mission	6,500.00
September 3rd	Indian Mission	6,500.00
October 1st	Domestic Missions	12,000.00

November 3rd—Temperance 1,500.00
December 1st—Syrian Mission..... 25,000.00
January 1st—China Mission..... 30,000.00
February 1st—Witness Bearing..... 6,000.00
March 1st—Geneva College..... 5,000.00
April 1st—Church Erection..... 3,000.00

12. That salary of Rev. R. J. G. McKnight, newly elected professor in seminary be fixed at $2,000.00 per year, beginning September 1, 1916.

A special appropriation of $500 was made by Synod in behalf of R. C. Wylie.

The case of the widow of J. Boggs Dodds was referred to the Board of Control.

ROBT. A. M. STEELE, Chairman. J. M. WYLIE,
T. M. SLATER, J. WALKER WILSON.
WM. ROBB,

REPORT OF SYNOD'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

To The Modertor and Members Reformed Presbyterian Synod—Dear Brethren:

It gise us great pleasure to submit our annual Report, with that of your Treasurer, for the year ending April 30th, 1916. We are grateful to the Lord for the many blessings bestowed upon us.

D. C. Martin, G. A. McKee and W. J. Ward elected by you to serve on the Board for three years to June 15th, 1918, accepted their appointment.

The following Bequests were received: Mrs. Nancy Curry, Winchester, Kansas, May 21st, 1915, $100.00 each for Southern and Indian Missions, Mrs. Helena Hawthorne, Hopkinton, Iowa, August 5th, 1915, $750.00 each for Turkey and Alabama Missions; Mrs. Annis L. Ferguson, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Sept. 1st, 1915, $200.00, the interest to be used in starting a Covenanter congregation in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Henry G. Judson, Montgomery, Mich., Sept. 2nd, 1915, $100.00 to be divided among Geneva College, Southern, Syrian, China Missions; Mrs. Elizabeth Cameron, Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 11th, 1915, $579.24 Synod's Board to divide and which was credited to all the Endowments; David Gladstone, White Cottage, Ohio, $500.00 for the Theo. Seminary and $977.75, the interest of the latter for the support of the Pastor of Johnathan's Creek Cong.; Miss Margaret F. Edgar, Sterling, Kansas, Jan. 15th, 1916, $1,999.00, Synod to divide among the Boards most needy; Miss Lizzie McCaughan, Bloomington, Ind., Feb. 9th, 1916, $100.00 for the Selma Mission; Robert McFarland, Utica, O., April 22nd, 1916, $151.08 for Southern and Indian Missions. The real estate of Margaret Buchanan, Philadelphia, Pa., was sold Oct. 2, 1915 for Eleven Hundred Fifty and 81-100 dollars, this sum and the rents amounting to $255.49, were divided among Syrian, China, Indian, Southern and Aged People's Home Accounts.

Through Joseph M. Steele, Treasurer, the following Bequests were received: Mrs. Nancy Curry, Winchester, Kan., June 15th, 1915, $100.00 each for China and Syrian Missions; Miss Lizzie McCaughan, Bloomington, Ind., $200.00 each for Latakia and South China Missions; Robert Marshall, Washington, Iowa, $1,900.00 for Syrian Mission;

Synod names the sum of $10,000 as suitable for National Reform, and November first, Sabbath, as day for contributions.

Robert McFarland, Utica, O., April 25th, 1916, $151.06 each for China and Syrian Missions. Total amount of Bequests $9,515.49.

On Nov. 1st, 1915, the four vacant lots of the disorganized Staunton, Ill., congregation were sold through the efforts of Matthew Williamson for $1,984. 63. This fund is at the disposal of Synod.

The aggregate amount of Bonds, Mortgages, Notes and Real Estate under our charge is $662,846.07. Out of the earnings for the year closed, a dividend of 5½ per cent. was declared on Endowments of $451,485.07. The total earnings of the Office were $37,347.86. The expenses of the office were $2,529.72. We hold ninety-eight regular Mortgages amounting to $870,334.13; fifty David Gregg Mortgages amounting to $156,096.44 and thirteen pieces of Real Estate at a valuation of $80,057.75.

The Books and Accounts were audited by H. A. Stout, Public Auditor and found correct as per certificate attached to the Report of the Treasurer.

The term for which James A. McAteer, James H. McBurney and James S. Tibby were made members of the Board expires June 15th, 1916. We ask that their successors be chosen by ballot as required by law.

James S. Tibby with Oliver Wylie as alternate, was appointed to represent the Board on the floor of Synod.

Following the suggestion of the Finance Committee of last Synod, the Report of the Treasurer was reduced from thirteen pages to eight pages. Sufficient items are given to enable one to learn the financial condition of each Account under his charge.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Board.

JAMES S. TIBBY, Secretary.

Pittsburgh, Pa., June 2nd, 1916.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Geneva College	$206,501.55
Mrs. S. J. Steele for Geneva College	1,000.00
J. Hays Euwer for Geneva College	600.00
Theological Seminary	69,738.75
Students' Aid	16,711.88
Foreign Mission	49,633.43
Domestic Mission	32,111.30
Sustentation Fund	100.00
Southern Mission	5,481.28
China Mission	637.50
Indian Mission	2,000.00
Miss Joanna R. Speer for Indian Mission	471.88
Aged Ministers	13,878.52
James and Mary Jane Carlisle for Aged Ministers	500.00
Widows and Children	6,770.02
Church Erection	3,400.00
Rev. D. and Mrs. M. E. McKee—Sundries	20,000.00
David G. McKee—Sundries	1,000.00
John A. McKee—Sundries	1,000.00
James R. McKee—Sundries	3,000.00
Mrs. E. S. E. McKee—Sundries	3,000.00
Ryegate and Barnet, Vt., Cong.	850.00
Brooklyn, N. Y., Cong.	4,867.80
Iowa Presbytery	700.00

Winkinsburg, Pa., Cong.	500.00
American Bible Society	50.00
St. John, N. B., Cong.	2,700.00
Hugh Robinson—Sundries	3,050.23
Mrs. Annis L. Ferguson for Cedar Rapids Church	200.00
David Gladstone for John. Creek, O., Church	977.75
David Gregg, Mortgage Fund	157,015.73
Mortgage Fund	370,334.13
Total Fund receiving 5½ per cent.	451,485.07

DAVID GREGG MORTGAGE FUND

May 1, 1915—Balance		$154,125.88
Mortgage taken		10,000.00
		$164,125.88
Mortgages paid		8,029.44
May 1, 1916—Balance		$156,096.44

DAVID GREGG MORTGAGE INTEREST

Interest received		$ 9,314.19
Charged Account for handling 5 per cent.	$ 465.71	
Foreign Mission—Received	3,244.43	
Domestic Mission—Received	2,064.65	
Sustentation—Received	589.90	
Church Erection—Received	589.90	
Theological Seminary—Received	589.90	
Southern Mission—Received	589.90	
Widows and Children—Received	589.90	
Central Allegheny Cong.—Received	589.90	9,314.79

REGULAR MORTGAGE FUND

May 1,1915—Balance		$377,044.13
Mortgages taken		9,700.00
		$386,744.13
Mortgages paid		16,410.00
May 1, 1916—Balance		$370,334.13

INTEREST FUND

Receipts from Mortgages, Notes, Rents		28,033.67
Expenditures		
Dividends to Endowments, Etc.	$ 25,930.35	
Share of Office Expenses	1,264.86	
Balance of Profit to Contingent Acct.	838.46	28,033.67

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Supplies and Expenses	$ 78.14	
Rent	300.00	
'Phone	50.64	
Auditor	45.94	
Bond of Treasurer	25.00	
Salary of Clerk	30.00	
Salary of Treasurer	2,000.00	2,529.72

Above Expenses Distributed as follows:

Indian Mission Account	$ 177.08

Theological Seminary	202.38	
Southern Mission	202.38	
Domestic Mission	328.86	
Geneva College	354.16	
Interest Account	1,264.86	2,529.72

CASH ACCOUNT

May 1, 1915—Balance		$ 3,541.06
Receipts		124,784.74
		$128,325.80
Expenditures		121,451.14
May 1, 1916—Balance		$ 6,874.66

CONTINGENT FUND

May 1, 1915—Balance		$ 3,306.46
Balance of Year's Profits		838.46
May 1, 1916—Balance		4,144.92

GENEVA COLLEGE NOTES

May 1, 1915—Balance		10,160.12
Notes Paid		100.00
May 1, 1916—Balance		10,060.12

SCIENCE HALL BUILDING FUND

May 1, 1915—Balance Overdrawn		8,055.82
Expenditures		
Cases	81.00	
Interest on Overdraft	486.16	567.16
May 1, 1916—Balance Overdrawn		$ 8,622.98

SCIENCE HALL EQUIPMENT FUND

May 1, 1916—Balance Overdrawn		$ 533.82
Expenditures		
Apparatus	$1,081.85	
Interest on Overdraft	67.37	1,149.22
May 1, 1916—Balance Overdrawn		1,683.04

GENEVA COLLEGE CURRENT ACCOUNT

May 1, 1915—Balance Overdrawn		$ 23,747.07
Receipts		
Congs. Indiv. Societies	$ 2,553.62	
Robert Clarke	3,349.97	
W. P. Johnston	117.00	
Interest from Notes	156.40	
Tuition, etc.	10,108.44	
Dividends	11,718.59	28,004.02
		$ 4,256.95

Expenditures

Salaries	$ 19,616.72	
Expenses Robert Clarke	435.40	
Music Department	28.45	
Athletic	215.15	
Glee Club	125.00	
Prizes	80.00	
Miss. Expenses	615.88	
Summer School Expenses	59.40	
Supplies	3,524.98	
General Repairs	157.67	
Dormitory Improvements	4,782.19	
Interest on Overdraft	1,880.59	
Interest on Notes	604.13	
Expenses Handling Funds	354.16	
Books and Magazines	130.74	32,610.46
May 1, 1916—Balance Overdrawn		$ 28.353.51

Witness Bearing Fund

May 1, 1915—Balance		617.97

Receipts

Congs. Indiv. Societies		2,369.01
		$2,986.98

Expenditures

Printing	$ 343.55	
Postage, etc.	374.47	
Stenographer	66.55	
Salaries of Lecturers	1,115.20	1,899.77
May 1, 1916—Balance		$ 1,087.21

TEMPERANCE

May 1, 1915—Balance		640.25

Receipts

Congs. Indiv. Societies	$ 4,848.14	
Anti-Tobacco Crusade	78.78	775.18
		$1,415.43

Expenditures

Anti-Tobacco Crusade Expenses	$ 78.78	
Supplies	738.84	817.62
May 1, 1916—Balance		$ 597.81

DOMESTIC MISSION

May 1, 1915—Balance		$ 2,260.74

Receipts

Cong. Indiv. Societies	$4,848.14	
Sustentation Fund	609.51	
Dividends	4,107.15	9,564.80
		$11,825.54

Expenditures

Colorado Presbytery	$ 300.00	

Illinois	687.98	
Iowa	524.88	
Kansas	2,132.37	
N. B. and N. S.	460.00	
New York	1,149.72	
Ohio	1,347.50	
Pacific Coast	3,072.42	
Pittsburgh	2,471.13	
Rochester	374.97	
Minutes of Synod	.25	
A. C. Coulter	50.00	
Interest on Overdraft	103.53	
Expense for Handling	328.86	13,003.61
May 1, 1916—Balance overdrawn		$ 1,178.07

INDIAN MISSION

May 1, 1915—Balance		$ 817.10
Receipts		
W. P. M. S. Pitts. Presby.	$1,000.00	
Local Receipts, per W. W. C.	3,842.22	
Mrs. Nancy Curry—Bequest	100.00	
Mrs. Margaret Buchanan—Bequest	281.26	
Robert McFarland—Bequest	75.54	
Congs. Indiv. Societies	2,981.76	
Dividends	133.75	8,414.53
		$ 9,231.63
Expenditures		
Local Expenses, per W. W. C.	$3,579.28	
R. R. Fares	123.88	
Psalm Selections	7.50	
Salaries	3,599.50	
Expense in Handling Funds	177.08	7,487.24
May 1, 1916—Balance		$ 1,744.39

Southern Mission

May 1, 1915 Blance		$ 1,730.83
Receipts		
Congs. Indiv. Societies	$ 3,347.11	
Mrs. Nancy Curry Bequest	100.00	
Mrs. Helen Hawthorne Bequest	750.00	
Henry Judson Bequest	25.00	
Mrs. Marg. Buchanan Bequest	281.26	
Miss Lizzie McCaughan Bequest	100.00	
Robert McFarland Bequest	75.54	
Local Receipts	3,800.50	
David Gregg Dividends	589.90	
Regular dividend	301.47	9,370.78
		$ 11,101.61
Expenditures		
Traveling expenses workers	228.97	
Local expenses	3,269.55	

Insurance	66.38	
Salaries	6,705.00	
Wire	1.00	
Expense in handling funds	202.38	10,473.28
May 1, 1916 Balance		$ 628.33

Girl's Industrial Home

May 1, 1915 Balance		$ 371.16

Expenditures

Plumbing		144.83
May 1, 1916 Balance		$ 226.33

Theological Seminary Current

May 1, 1915 Balance		$ 4,873.33

Receipts

Congs. Indiv. Societies	855.92	
David Gladstone Bequest	500.00	
David Gregg Dividends	589.90	
Ryegate & Barnet Dividends	17.88	
Regular Dividends	3,835.63	
Balance Memorial Rent Account	344.89	6,144.22
		$ 11,017.55

Expenditures

Trav. Expenses Board	50.16	
Expenses in handling funds	202.38	
Salary D. B. Willson	2,000.00	
Salary R. C. Wylie	2,000.00	
Salary G. M. Sleeth	500.00	
Salary W. A. Lafferty	84.00	4,836.54
May 1, 1916 Balance		$ 6,181.01

Theological Seminary Library

May 1, 1915 Balance		223.96

Receipts

Duplicate book sold		.40
		$ 224.36

Expenditures

Books rebound	11.20	
Books	57.03	
Catalogues	50.65	
Magazines	18.00	
May 1, 1916 Balance		$ 87.48

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MEMORIAL BLDG. RENT ACCOUNT.

May 1, 1915 Balance		$ 128.26

Receipts

Park Institute rent	$ 800.00	
Park Institute Acct. new Fire Escape	50.00	850.00
	$	978.26

Expenditures		
Supplies	$ 89.44	
Cleaning	16.00	
Gas	40.99	
Taxes	272.50	
Repairs	214.44	
Balance to Theo. Sem. Account	344.89	978.26
Students Aid Fund		
May 1, 1915 Balance		3,026.22
Receipts		
Congs. Indiv. Societies	59.51	
Rev. J. D. Edgar Note on account	15.00	
Dividend	919.15	993.66
		4,019.88
Expenditures		
R. W. Redpath	200.00	
R. C. Adams	175.00	
J. K. Gault	275.00	
J. C. Mitchell	200.00	
C. B. Reed	275.00	
C. T. Carson	235.00	
B. A. White	275.00	1,635.00
May 1, 1916 Balance		2,384.88
Aged Minister's Fund		
May 1, 1915 Balance		1,136.56
Receipts		
Congs. Indiv. Societies	507.60	
Dividends	955.82	1,463.42
		$ 2,599.98
Expenditures		
I. A. Blackwood	425.00	
P. P. Boyd	350.00	
D. H. Coulter	250.00	
J. C. K. Faris	150.00	
T. C. Sproull	200.00	
J. M. Armour	250.00	1,625.00
May 1, 1916 Balance		$ 974.98
Widows and Children Dec. Ministers		
May 1, 1915 Balance		1,884.62
Receipts		
Congs. Indiv. Societies	793.71	
Dividends	1,237.25	2,030.96
		$ 3,915.58
Expenditures		
Miss Martha Cannon	175.00	
Miss Juliet Cannon	150.00	
Miss Juliet McDonald	125.00	

Mrs. Sarah I. Clyde	200.00	
Mrs. D. S. Faris	400.00	
Mrs. Louis Meyer	500.00	
Mrs. Nancy Reid	250.00	
Mrs. Agnes C. Wilson	200.00	
Miss Anna B. George	175.00	2,175.00
May 1, 1916 Balance		$ 1,740.58

Sustentation Fund

May 1, 1915 Balance		609.51
Receipts		
David Gregg dividend	589.90	
Regular dividend	5.50	595.40
		$ 1,204.91
Expenditures		
Transferred to Domestic Mission Fund		609.51
May 1, 1916 Balance		$ 595.40

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE.

I, the undersigned, appointed by the Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of N. A. to audit the Accounts of James S. Tibby, Treasurer, would respectfully report that I have examined the Accounts, Cash in Banks and find same correct as per Report to the 1916 Synod.

H. A. STOUT, Auditor.

Pittsburgh, Pa., May 29th, 1916.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE LITERARY FUND MAY 1, 1915, TO MAY 1, 1916.

May 1, 1915 Balance overdrawn			$ 87.61
Receipts			
229	copies 1912 cloth Psalters	172.05	
12	" 1912 leather Psalters	18.00	
273	" 1912 small Psalters	95.55	
45	" 1889 Double Psalters	40.13	
2088	" 1912 Psalm Selections	313.20	
21	" Ref. Pres. Testimonies	8.35	
11	" Disciplines	4.40	
17	" Catechisms	1.70	
51	" Manuals	5.10	
139	" Elliott's Handbooks	13.90	
2843	" 1916 Bible Readings	47.46	
5	" Certificates	1.25	
29	" McKnight's Booklets cover	4.35	
158	" McKnight's Booklets no cover	14.13	
10	" 1914 Minutes	.60	
1064	" 1915 Minutes	266.00	
1915 Balance Trav. Fund		6.37	
Collections from Congregations		669.89	$ 1,682.43
			$ 1,594.82

Expenditures		
Printing 1915 Order of Business	4.50	
1914 Trav. Fund	5.52	
Appropriation Blanks	12.00	
1915 Minutes of Synod, 1500 copies	277.20	
1912 Psalm Selections, Music Plates	76.92	
1912 Psalm Selections, Proof Reading	25.00	
1912 Psalm Selections, 5000 copies printed	239.00	
1912 small Psalm book, 4981 copies printed	985.98	
1916 Bible Readings, 3500 copies printed	43.50	
Tithe Comm., Tithe Cards	9.00	
R. J. G. McKnight, 1000 copies Booklets	100.00	
Appropriation Alliance, Reformed Churches	40.00	
Advertisement, Christian Nation	6.00	
Olive Trees	6.00	
Postage, Freight, Expressage, Hauling	138.84	
Interest on overdraft	32.21	2,001.67
May 1, 1916 Balance overdrawn		$ 406.85

JAMES S. TIBBL, Treasurer.

I have compared the above Report with the Treasurer's Books which I have audited and found correct.

H. A. STOUT, Public Auditor.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN AGED PEOPLE'S HOME FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1916.

SUMMARY.

Receipts:		Expenditures:	
Current Expenses	$2,203.52	Current Expense	$3,630.49
Admission Fees	800.00	House Expense	1,910.39
Congregational Collections	543.45	Salary	1,460.00
Interest	312.91	Interest	1,020.47
Donations to Current Expense	2,106.81	Manager's Contingent Fund	19.20
Manager's Contingent Fund	21.50	Gregg Room	23.39
Membership Dues	221.50	Thank Offering Room	28.43
Gray P. M. Room	150.00	Galbraith Room	3.50
Members' Acct.	1,988.35	Mr. and Mrs. Jno. A. McKee Room	3.50
Boarding and Meals	1,006.00	David Torrens Room	3.50
	$9,354.04	Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Morton Room	3.50
		Samuel McNaugher Room	3.50
		Lizzie Hunter Room	3.50
		Aiton Room	4.50
		E. S. E. McKee Room	2.00
March 1, 1915, Bal. Brot.	$ 173.11		$8,119.87
	$9,527.15	Balance March 1, 1916	1,407.28
			$9,527.15

Respectfully submitted,
ANNETTE G. WALLACE, Treasurer.

We have compared the above report with the Treasurer's books and find same correct.

JAMES S. TIBBY,
W. S. ROBB,
T. S. TRUMBULL.

To the Moderator and Members of Synod:

The Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association having charge of the Aged People's Home would respectfully report that twenty-three meetings have been held during the year closing March 1, 1916; five of the Association, six of the Board of Directors, and twelve of the Board of Managers. The attendance at all of the meetings has been good, the average attendance at the meetings of the Board of Managers was eighteen.

The Corresponding Secretary wrote thirty-one letters, sixty-three postals, ninety-seven pulpit notices, and sent out five hundred-thirty annual reports and one hundred-twenty invitations for Donation and Reception Day.

Four persons have entered the home during the year:
Miss Catherine Staire, of Parnassus, Pa., April 21, 1915.
Mrs. Sarah Jane Haggerty, of New Galilee, Pa., August 20, 1915.
Mrs. Martha J. Patchell, of New Alexandria, Pa., October 20, 1915.
Miss Nancy J. Hunter, of McDonald, Pa., November 30, 1915.
Four persons have been called away by death:
Mrs. Susan Patterson, March 26, 1915.
Miss Mary Shanks, March 26, 1915.
Mrs. Anna M. Daugherty, January 5, 1916.
Mrs. Sara J. Mahaffey, January 6, 1916.

We are glad to report that Miss Etta Jamison is still our faithful and devoted Matron.

We are grateful for encouragements in the work through gifts received on Donation and Reception Day and throughout the year. These gifts have greatly helped those in charge of the Home and have brought pleasure and comfort to the persons in the Home.

Eleven sermons were preached in the Home by the following ministers and licentiates: Rev. B. M. Sharp, Rev. W. C. McClurkin, Dr. W. J. Coleman, Dr. T. H. Acheson, Mr. Burt Willson, Mr. E. Mitchell, Mr. A. Khouri, Mr. R. C. Adams, Rev. P. P. Boyd, Rev. J. B. Gilmore, and Rev. R. J. Dodds. Dr. R. C. Wylie conducted the annual Thanksgiving service on Thanksgiving evening. The members of the Young People's Prayer Meeting held a meeting each Sabbath evening during July and August in the Home. The Wednesday evening prayer meetings have been conducted by Mr. R. W. Wallace and the students of the Seminary. These services have been times of refreshing to all and particularly to those who would otherwise have been deprived of hearing the Word preached because of their inability to attend Church services.

We are grateful to the Ministers and Students, to the Physicians and friends who have so freely responded to the call for help in the work of the Home.

We are glad to report that four Life Directors, three Honorary Members and eleven Life Members have been added to the Association, as follows: Life Directors: Dr. T. H. Acheson, Mrs. T. H. Acheson, Miss Jennie Tibby, and Mrs. D. C. Ward; Honorary Members: Mrs. T. H. Acheson, Mr. Robert English, and Mrs. Robert English; Life Members: Mrs. W. A. Aiken, Miss Elizabeth Boggs, Miss

Mary Slater Coleman, Dr. A. Kilpatrick, Mrs. A. Kilpatrick, Mr. Robert Kyle, Mrs. Isabella Kyle, Miss M. Lois McBurney, Mrs. Jas. A. McAteer, Mrs. John K. M. Tibby, and Dr. Susan W. Wiggins.

The expense of maintaining any home of so many members would be necessarily great in these days of high prices; but a Home for Aged People has to meet an unusual demand in the call for medicine and nursing for the sick, and burial for the dead. This year there was an added outlay for the purchase of another lot in the Cemetery at a cost of two hundred and twenty-five dollars. On the other hand, the Synod of last year responded to our call for more money for this cause by a larger appropriation and many generous friends opened heart and hand in special gifts to supply the need, and thus we were enabled to pay off a loan of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00).

We have been anxious to sell the McNaugher property which was used as the Aged People's Home at the first when there were not many to be accommodated. This would relieve us of paying taxes and we hoped it might bring enough to pay off the debt on the property we now use and so free us from having interest to pay, but so far no opportunity has come.

The Congregational collections amounted to five hundred forty-three dollars and forty-five cents ($543.45).

We again ask for an appropriation of fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500.00).

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. J. WARD, Secretary.

REPORT OF BOARD OF CONTROL.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Ill., June 7, 1916:

Synod's Board of Control met in annual session at the home of E. L. McKnight, Garland, Iowa, Nov. 9th, 1916, at 10 A. M. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mr. O. L. Samson, Washington, Iowa; Secretary, S. E. Greer, Washington, Iowa; Assistant Secretary, E. L. McKnight, Morning Sun, Iowa.

A statement from James S. Tibby, Treasurer, showed the following amounts to be at the disposal of the Board: Students Aid Fund, $3,046.53; Aged Ministers Fund, $1,378.73; Windows and Orphans Fund, $2,276.43.

There came before the Board for consideration applications for aid from the following named persons: Students of Theology: Richard C. Adams, Charles T. Carson, John K. Gault, Jesse C. Mitchell, Robert W. Redpath, Cameron B. Reed, and Boyd A. White. From Aged Ministers Fund: J. M. Armour, P. P. Boyd, I. A. Blackwood, D. H. Coulter, J. C. K. Faris, and T. C. Sproull. From the Widows and Orphans Fund: Mrs. Sarah Clyde, Mrs. D. S. Faris, Mrs. Nancy Reid, Mrs. Louis Meyer, Mrs. Agnes C. Wilson, Miss Martha Cannon, Miss Juliet Cannon, Miss Anna B. George, Miss Juliet H. McDonald.

After a careful consideration of all applications for a share in their respective funds, appropriations in greater or lesser amounts were made to each of these applicants. Your Board then drew orders upon the treasury for the various applicants in a sum aggregating from the Students Fund $1,635; Aged Ministers $1,625; Widows and Orphans $2,175.

We request the usual appropriation of $1,500 for the Students Aid Fund; and the usual appropriation of $2,500 for the Widows and Orphans Fund. But for the Aged Ministers we ask an increase of $500 over the usual appropriation, or $2,000 in all for the Aged Ministers Fund.

In this connection the Board of Control would again call the attention of Synod to the depleted condition of the Aged Ministers Fund. Two years ago the Board had a little over $1,900.00 to divide among the Aged Ministers asking help. One year ago there was only a trifle over $1,600.00, and at our last meeting the amount was reduced to about $1,300.00. This fund at present is considerably overdrawn, while at the same time there are ministers in the Covenanter Church, who are in very straightened circumstances. And the mere pittance which the Board has to apportion among these honored servants is scarcely enough to provide the bare necessities of life. This dire distress has made it impossible for some of these ministers to longer maintain a home.

The inspired Word warns us that "If any provide not for his own, and especially those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." It is our belief that the Covenanter church is drifting woefully near, if indeed she is not altogether under this condemnation. Can we expect that the heavenly Father will hear our prayers, as a church asking for an increase of candidates for the ministry, and that the Master will bless the educational campaign which we have just concluded, seeking to enlist new recruits for the ministry and mission fields while we thus neglect our worn, broken veterans, who have given their strength in the service of the church. Brethren, this condition ought not so to be. And we ask that each pastor will specifically call the attention of the members of his congregation to the lack of support by the Covenanter Church for her needy aged ministers.

The term for which E. L. McKnight and S. E. McElhinney were elected expires with this meeting of Synod and their successors should be elected. Also in as much as G. A. Edgar has removed from the bounds of the Board of Control, it is his desire that some one be elected to fill the unexpired time of his term of office.

Respectfully submitted,
S. E. GREER, Secretary.

The committee appointed to confer with R. J. G. McKnight reported. The report was adopted. It is as follows:

June 13, 1916.

To the Synod:

The Committee to ocnfer with Rev. Dr. R. J. G. McKnight, professor-elect, respectfully report:

Our Brother looks on his choice by the Synod as a call to a high and important service, which he should accept. He desires to defer his formal acceptance that he may meet with the congregation of which he is pastor.

We recommend that the present Committee be continued to receive Dr McKnight's formal reply, and to communicate it to the church.

Respectfully submitted,
D. B. WILLSON, Chairman.

The following action was taken: Resolved that sessions be reminded of the rule, "It shall be the duty of sessions to send the names of delegates to the Clerk of Synod at least one week before the meeting of the judicatory, that he may complete the rolls," and that sessions be admonished to comply with this requirement of the Book of Discipline.

The committees appointed to examine the records of Presbyteries reported. The reports were adopted, and the entries of approval, with the exceptions noted, were made in the respective books of record.

Recess till 6:30. Prayer by W. R. Sterrett.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Synod was called to order by the Moderator at the hour appointed. Prayer by J. M. Coleman. Roll call dispensed with. Minutes of the previous session read and approved.

Committee of Supplies reported. Report adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPPLIES.

The committee on supplies would respectfully report that the names of twenty men were reported to us for full time, and three for part time. Ten presbyteries requested the time of thirteen laborers. We have arranged the following schedule for the year:

R. C. Adams—June, Sept., Kansas; Oct., Dec., Iowa; Jan., Illinois; Feb., May, New York.

T. J. Allen—Pittsburgh all year.

R. C. Allen—Pittsburgh all year.

J. W. Dill—Kansas all year.

Isaiah Faris—Kansas all year.

W. S. Fulton—Sept., Nov., Ohio.

R. G. Graham—July, New York; Aug., Pittsburgh; Sept., Illinois; Oct., Nov., Colorado; Dec., Jan., Kansas; Feb., Mar., Iowa; Apr., Illinois; May, Ohio.

J. B. Gilmore—June, Iowa; July., Sept., New York; Oct., Mar., Pittsburgh; Apr., May, Kansas.

W. B. Johnston—Pittsburgh all year.

J. C. Mitchell—June-Sept., Pittsburgh; Oct.-Nov., Illinois; Dec.-Jan., Colorado; Feb.-May, Kansas.

H. G. McConaughy—June, Iowa; July, Colorado; Aug.-May, Pacific Coast.

A. J. McFarland—Pittsburgh all year.

Wm. McFarland—June-Oct., Rochester; Nov., New York; Dec.-Jan., Pittsburgh; Feb.-Apr., Ohio; May, Illinois.

R. S. McIlhinney—June-July, Kansas, Aug.-Sept., Colorado.
D. Bruce Martin—June-Aug., Pittsburgh; May, Pittsburgh.
S. M. Morrow—June-July, Colorado; Aug.-Sept., Pittsburgh; Oct., New York; Nov., Pittsburgh; Dec., Illinois; Jan., Iowa; Feb.-Mar., Kansas; Apr.-May, Colorado.
Thos. Patton—June-Aug., Iowa; Sept.-May, Pittsburgh.
B. M. Sharp—Pittsburgh all year.
T. C. Sproull—Pittsburgh all year.
S. R. Wallace—June-July, Ohio; Aug., Illinois; Sept., Iowa; Oct.-Nov., Kansas; Dec.-Jan., New York; Feb.-Apr., Pittsburgh; May, Rochester.
J. Burt Willson—June-Aug., N. B. & N. S.; Sept.-Apr., New York; May, Pittsburgh.

ROBERT PARKE, Chairman. T. J. ALLEN,
F. F. READE, JAS. MILLIGAN,

The Committee on the Communications from the World's Alliance of Churches for Promotion of International Friendship and the Alliance of Reformed Churches Holding the Presbyterian System, Western Section, reported. The report was adopted item by item and also as a whole. It is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ALLIANCE OF REFORMED CHURCHES AND WORLD ALLIANCE OF CHURCHES FOR PROMOTION OF FRIENDSHIP.

As indicated above two sets of papers have been placed in the hands of your Committee. Accordingly our report is in two parts. The first has to do with the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System, Western Section. There was placed in our hands the annual report of the Western Section and the minutes of the Executive Commission, a communication relative to the publication of a life of Zwingli and a letter from the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The report deals with matters of common interest to the affiliated churches. In reference to the work on the Continent fostered by the Alliance reports are meager. Much of the regular work has been interrupted. The Reformed Churches of Belgium and Poland are passing through the fire. The war however has not been devoid of accompanying blessings. A new spirit of evangelism has laid hold of the churches. In the various armies and prison camps definite religious work is being carried on. A War Heidelberg Catechism has been published for the Reformed soldiers and the Italian government has appointed Waldensian ministers as Chaplains in the army. The report calls attention to the 400th anniversary of the posting of Luther's theses, October 31st, 1917. Attention is also called to the forth coming English translation of the works of Zwingli, the Swiss reformer. A separate communication apportions to our church $30.00 as our proportion of the guarantee fund necessary for this publication. This item has been referred by Synod to the Finance

Committee. The apportionment of $40.00 to our Church for the expences of the Western Section has also been referred to the Finance Committee.

The third communication is a letter from the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada. This communication suggests that the 17th of October next be observed by the seven English speaking nations in commemoration of the Hundred Years of peace between Great Britain and the United States. This suggestion is supported by representative citizens of the various countries concerned. We recommend its observance.

The second set of papers placed in the hands of your Committee were a communication from the American Branch of The World Alliance of the Churches for the promotion of International Friendship.

The origin of the parent organization is described in the following quotation: "On the very day on which the great European war broke there assembled at Constance, Germany, eighty-five delegates representing the Protestant Churches of America, Great Britain and Europe. This was the first international conference of Christians ever held to consider how the Churches might more effectively further the cause of international good will. Three impressive sessions were held on August 2, 1914, and then the conference adjourned to complete its sessions in London two days later.

The Concrete Program includes, "An International League of Peace," "A World Supreme Court," and "The submission of international disputes to the World Supreme Court, or to Boards of Arbitration or of Conciliation before resort to war."

The plan of organization suggested is that the Ecclesiastical bodies, seperately or jointly, establish Peace Makers' Commissions, and that local congregations establish Peace Makers' Committees.

It is gratifying to know that a distinctively Christian Alliance is in the field of international conciliation. The objects of this Alliance meet our most hearty approbation. The assembling of this Alliance on the very day of the outbreak of the war was the occasion at the time of unseemly taunts at the inability of Christianity to prevent the catastrophe. We would rather view it as the providential recognition of the only force that can solve the problem of the relation of nations.

On account of the smallness of our numbers, the many lines of work we are prosecuting and the fact that we are associated with the National Reform Association, which has international peace as part of its program, we do not deem it advisable to form a Peace Makers' Commission as suggested.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That our ministers preach on the subject of international peace in their own pulpits at least once during the coming year, that they seek opportunities elsewhere to present the subject and that they interest their members in this work as far as possible.

2. That a committee of three be appointed to report on this subject next year.

3. That a copy of this action be forwarded to Rev. Sidney L. Gulick, D. D., 105 East 22nd St., New York.

E. A. CROOKS,
H. G. FOSTER,
J. M. EDGAR.

The Committee was continued to bring in the report next year required by the second recommendation.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was taken from the table. Item 6 was again submitted by the committee and Synod resolved that the question be laid over till next meeting of Synod, and the whole report, with the paper submitted by R. C. Wylie on the same subject, be printed in the Appendix of the Minutes.

Item 7. The Clerk of Kansas Presbytery submitted the following, which was approved by Synod:

Kansas Presbytery would respectfully report this action taken according to the direction of Synod last year.

After considerable correspondence with Pacific Coast Presbytery and other parties and with Mr. Milligan himself he was finally persuaded to ask the Hebron session to have his case remanded to the Pacific Coast Presbytery; whereupon said session took the following action:

"Mr. S. A. Milligan was at his own request dismissed from the Hebron congregation and given, in place of a regular certificate, the certificate of standing which he brought to us from the Santa Anna Congregation."

Kansas Presbytery has also been informed that a Commission of the Pacific Coast Presbytery has finally settled the case on such a basis as was recommended by the Synod of 1914. (See Minutes of Synod, page 119).

Respectfully submitted,
E. G. RUSSELL, Clerk.

In this connection Synod also received and approved a report from the Pacific Coast Presbytery as follows:

At the last regular meeting of Pacific Coast Presbytery the Interim Commission, then appointed, was given judicial authority to deal with the two remaining cases of L. A. Walkinshaw and S. A. Milligan of the Santa Ana congregation. At a meeting of the Interim Commission held at Santa Ana, March 13 and 14, 1916, a settlement was reached in both of these cases on the basis of the recommendation of the Synod of 1914, and each of the parties named was restored to his full privileges in the Church, without the administration of the pending censure.

Respectfully submitted,
PACIFIC COAST PRESBYTERY,
F. D. FRAZER, Clerk.

Items 8, 23, 24, were attended to. On Item 21 there was no report, and Item 22, the equitable distribution of the traveling expense of Pacific Coast Presbytery, was referred to the Central Board to report next year.

Item 25, the report of the Ad Interim Committee on Supplies. The chairman reported that since the last meeting of Synod two requests for work had ben received and granted. Adopted.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Item 1. Clerk to publish 1,500 Copies of Minutes.

Item 2. Item No. 4 of last year's report on Unfinished Business respecting Conferences during Synod, page 33.

Item 3. Overture on Tobacco—to be printed in appendix and discussion deferred until this year.

Item 4. Committee on Witness Bearing to print tracts called for in report on Psalmody, page 37.

Item 5. Treasurer to purchase 1,200 copies of tract on Pre-Millenialism, etc., page 40.

Item 6. Special Committee on item No. 4 of matters referred to Committee on Discipline to report next meeting, page 76.

Item 7. Kansas Presbytery to investigate action of Hebron session, etc., page 77.

Item 8. Committee on Temperance to carry out Synods action in consenting to request of Anna R. Mehard, page 87.

Item 9. Proceeds of sale of Sterling, New York, and Wahoo church buildings to be turned into Church-Erection Fund, page 94.

Item 10. Moderator and Clerk to furnish certificate of Election to J. M. Steele, page 94.

Item 11. Clerk of Mission Conference to write letters to Lake Reno and Winnipeg, page 128.

Item 12. Item No. 1 of Recommendations of Mission Conference to be printed on blanks, etc., page 128.

Item 13. Officers to sign and forward letters to Scotch Synod, page 132.

Item 14. C. A. Dodds to convey expression of sympathy to D. H. Coulter, page 132.

Item 15. Committee to arrange Campaign on Education, page 86.

Item 16. Committee on American Bible Centennial, page 133.

Item 17. Report of Treasurer on Sale of Minutes.

Item 18. Committee to consider the question of doing away with the Mission Conference. D. B. Willson, page 131.

Item 19. Report of Committee on the Land Laws of the Hebrews. J. M. Coleman, page 27.

Item 20. Committee on Bible reading folder to prepare a diploma for use in connection with the folders. p. 13.

Item 21. Report of delegate to the Presbyterian Alliance. T. H. Acheson.

Item 22. Committee on Problem of Pacific Coast Presbytery Traveling Expense.

Item 23. Treasurer to pay $40.00 to Western Section of Presbyterian Alliance.

Item 24. Clerk to send copy of Item 16 of Report of Committee on Church Erection and Sustentation to Mr. and Mrs. John Parkhill, of Connellsville.

Item 25. The report of Ad Interim Committee on Supplies. S. J. Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,
G. A. EDGAR, Clerk.
FINDLEY M. WILSON, Assistant.

R. H. Martin was excused from further attendance on this meeting.

The committee on Discipline reported. The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE.

The Committee of Discipline would respectfully report:

Two papers have been referred to us.

Paper No. 6, which is the request of Licentiate A. Khouri for ordination.

Paper No. 15, which is the memorial of the Sterling Congregation asking that the term of service of the pastor, elders and deacons in a congregation be made five years, with the privilege of re-election; the adoption of this system to be optional with the congregation.

Also the following question: "Can the Trustees of a congregation perform all the duties of the deacons? If so, is this in accordance with the law and order of the church?

We recommend:

1. That Pittsburgh Presbytery be directed to ordain Mr. Khouri when in their judgment the interests and progress of the work in the Pittsburgh Syrian Mission demand the services of an ordained minister.

2. That the interests of the church do not demand a change in our present law as to the term of office in the church.

3. The Form of Church Government, page 25, says: "The Scriptures doth hold out deacons as distinct officers in the church. Whose office is perpetual. To whose office it belongs not to preach the Word, or administer the sacraments, but to take special care in distributing to the necessities of the poor."

While it is possible that the duties of the deacons may be performed by Trustees, it is the established law of the church that congregations should have all the scriptural officers.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN C. SLATER, Chairman. H. G. PATTERSON,
D. H. JOHNSTON, ISAIAH FARIS.
CHARLES DOUGAL,

The officers of Synod were instructed to sign and forward the following letter:

Chicago, Ill., June 13, 1916.

To his Excellency, the Honorable Woodrow Wilson,
President of the United States:

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in annual session in Chicago desires to express its approval of your evident pur-

pose to make the policy of the United States toward Mexico one of fairness, judgment and self-control; and your resistance of the efforts of privileged classes supported by thoughtless popular clamor to force the United States to intervene in Mexico.

We desire also to commend to your attention the proposal of the Honorable Mr. Morgenthau, Ambassador to Turkey, that a large appropriation be made for the relief of sufferers from the war in Europe and Asia, as an excellent method of winning a friendship which will not allow foreign aggression against the United States.

Signed by order of the Synod.

Moderator.

Clerk.

The Committee on Place of Meeting reported as follows:

Your committee would respectfully report that five invitations requesting the meeting of Synod in 1917 have been placed in our hands. These invitations come from Baltimore, Chicago, Bellefontaine, Sterling and Seattle.

We wish to note with special thanks the kindness o fthe Chicago congregation in extending a permanent invitation to our Synod.

We recommend that the next meeting be held in Sterling, Kansas.

F. E. ALLEN, Chairman. W. S. FULTON,
W. T. K. THOMPSON, E. J. CATHCART.
N. PATTON,

The matter was put to the vote of Synod and Sterling, Kas., was chosen as the place of next meeting.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported. The report was adopted and the officers were instructed to sign and forward the letter submitted to the brethren of the Synod of Ireland.

The Committee on Church Erection and Sustentation reported. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF SUSTENTATION AND CHURCH ERECTION.

The report of the Board of Sustentation has been adopted by the Synod, and therefore has not come into our hands.

The Board of Church Erection reports having released the mortgage on one of the lots belonging to the Greeley Congregation that it may have a lot unencumbered on which to build a new parsonage, and having granted $200.00 to the Bellefontaine Congregation for repairs on their church building.

The Board reports $6,795.40 in the treasury, and while it "is somewhat larger than usual . . . it is by no means as large as it ought

to be." The balance is due to delay on the part of congregations which had secured application blanks with the intention of seeking aid from the fund. These congregations with those which recently have been organized, will require all the funds at the disposal of this board.

We submit the following recommendations:

1. That the funds at the disposal of the Board of Church Erection shall not be used for church repairs except in the case of extreme need.

2. That A. A. Samson, R. J. Bole and Joseph M. Steele be chosen their own successors on the Board of Church Erection.

3. That R. C. Montgomery, the Secretary of Board of Church Erection, be heard in connection with the adoption of this report.

J. G. McELHINNEY, Chairman
J. C McFEETHERS,
JAMES McCUNE,
JAMES EWING,
THOMAS H. MARTIN.

REPORT OF BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

The Board of Church Erection held two meetings during the yar.

BUSINESS TRANSACTED.

September 18, 1915, the west 50 feet of east 140 feet of lots 13 and 14 in Cranford's subdivision of block 12 in the city of Greeley, Col., was released that they might have a free lot on which to erect a parsonage.

May 16, 1916, a grant of $200.00 was made to the congregation of Bellefontaine, Ohio, to help in making repairs on their church building.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Balance April 30, 1915	$3,660.84
Receipts during the year	3,134.56
Balance April 30, 1916	$6,795.40

It might seem, from the above, that the Board of Church Erection might as well be put out of business. But this is scarcely the correct conclusion. If help has not been asked, we know that need exists. Many requests for application blanks were received more than a year ago. Some of these requests were from old congregations, and some of them from new. The blanks were duly forwarded, but from none of them have we heard as yet. Why? We do not know. Perhaps all concluded that the little they could hope to obtain from the Board, because of its limited means, would not at all enable them to realize their desires.

There are also other recently organized congregations that have not, as yet, their own houses of worship. They have not yet asked for aid, but suitably equipped buildings they must soon have if they are to live and prosper. Such buildings they cannot obtain without help. The Board seeks to make a wise disposition of all means placed at its disposal, and is willing to help, to the limit of its ability, where there is real need.

The amount of money in the hands of our Treasurer is somewhat larger than usual, but it is by no means as large as it ought to be. It might do to make a few repairs on old church buildings, but is scarcely sufficient to erect new ones.

We ask you for the usual appropriation—$4,000.000. We will not object if you make it more. The Board feels that it is too often asked

to help with church repairs, and respectfully requests Synod for a deliverance on this matter.

The term for which A. A. Samson, R. J. Bole and Jos. M. Steele were elected has expired, and their successors should be chosen.

The Secretary was appointed to represent the Board of the floor of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
R. J. BOLE, President.
R. C. MONTGOMERY, Secretary.

The committee appointed to revise the letter to Mr. Sunday submitted a draft, which was approved by Synod, and the officers were authorized to sign and forward it.

Resolved, that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at Sterling, Kas., June 6, 1917, at 8 p. m.

The report of the Clerk on the correction of the Printed Minutes was read and is as follows:

REPORT OF CLERK ON CORRECTIONS TO THE PRINTED MINUTES OF 1915.

In the printed Minutes of last year the following corrections of the text should be made:

1. The name of Samuel Edgar should appear on the roll of Synod.
2. The names of J. H. Haslett and A. M. Allen on page 12, and that of M. W. Leslie on page 19 should be omitted from the list of those not responding to roll call. They were not in attendance.
3. On page 30 add to the Report on Young People's Societies and of the Secretary on Young People's Work, "Item 5—That A. A. Johnson be made a member of this committee.
4. On page 51 add the name of E. A. Crooks as chairman of the Committee on Home Missions.
5. On page 137 the total miscellaneous in Colorado Presbytery should be $4,255, and the grand total, $9.412.
6. There is no record of the action of the court on the report of the committee to whom the problem of making up the expenses of Pacific Coast Presbytery was referred. The committee was continued.

G. A. EDGAR, Clerk.

The Committee on Nominations made a final and complete report, which was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

To draft resolutions on the death of R. A. Boyd—F. F. Reade and J. D. Edgar. On death of D. H. Coulter—W. W. Carithers and R. C. Wylie. On the death of J. Boggs Dodds—J. S. McGaw and E. A. Crooks. On the death of Mattie R. Wylie—S. Edgar and J. C. McFeeters.

Committee to revise proposed Overture on Tobacco: W. J. Coleman, R. A. Blair, J. A. Reid.

Moderator's alternate to preach sermon at next meeting of Synod, Samuel Edgar.

Reporters: D. C. Mathews, F. F. Reade, W. C. Coleman, Elmer Russell, W. C. McClurkin.

To aid Committee on Voting in Canada to revise report: D. B. Willson, R. C. Wylie, J. E. Dodds.

Committee on advisability of the publishing of the Confession of Faith, Testimony, Directory for Worship, etc., in one volume—T. H. Acheson, J. M. Johnston, J. S. Tibby.

Committee to confer on revision of letter to W. A. Sunday—F. E. Allen, W. M. Robb, D. D. Mearns.

To succeed John Yates as Secretary of the Young People's Societies and Chairman of the Permanent Committee on Young People's Work—J. D. Edgar.

To consider papers of the Alliance of Reformed Churches, the communication from W. H. Roberts and similar papers—E. A. Crooks, H. G. Foster, J. M. Edgar.

To fill vacancies on Board of Control—E. L. McKnight to succeed himself; W. J. Marshall to succeed S. E. McElhinney; H. G. Patterson to succeed G. A. Edgar.

On petition of Chicago congregation relative to music of the church—T. M. Slater, A. A. Wylie, R. J. Bole, D. H. Elliott, J. C. French and J. Walker Wilson.

To fill vacancies on Witness Bearing Committee—R. J. G. McKnight and J. C. Slater to succeed themselves; R. H. Martin to be added to the committee.

To fill vacancies on Temperance Committee—F. E. Allen to succeed M. M. Pearce.

To write letters of sympathy—To R. M. Sommerville, J. C. McFeeters; to S. B. Houston, T. E. Graham; to W. P. Johnston, Samuel Edgar; to P. P. Boyd, F. F. Reade; to D. C. Faris, H. G. Foster; to J. R. W Stevenson, G. M. Robb; to G. R. McBurney, W. C. Allen; to R. E. Wilson, W. M. Robb; to J. R. Thompson, J. M. Foster; to John Pritchard, R. J. Dodds.

To reply to J. M. Armour, R. J. G. McKnight, D. B. Wilson, M. R. Mahaffy.

To fill vacancies on Committee on Systematic Beneficence—G. A. McKee and J. S. Tibby.

Committee to prepare Bible—Reading Folders and Diploma—Paul Coleman, W. A. Aikin, N. Patton.

Communication to Mrs. Hogan—Thomas McFall.

To report on advisability of a revision of church music—T. M. Slater, D. H. Elliott, A. A. Wylie, J. C. French, R. J. Bole, J. W. Wilson.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. JOHNSON, Chairman.

The Moderator and Clerks were given a vote of thanks for their fair and impartial treatment of the members of Synod and for their efficient and accurate handling of its business.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Chicago congre-

gation and their friends who had opened their homes for the entertainment of the Synod.

The minutes of the present session were read and approved.

T. C. McKnight offered prayer. The court united in singing the 133rd Psalm, after which the moderator pronounced the benediction and declared the Synod to be adjourned to meet in Sterling, Kas., the 6th day of June, 1917, at 8 p. m.

J. K. ROBB, Modertor.
G. A. EDGAR, Clerk.
F. M. WILSON, Assistant Clerk.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON VOTING IN CANADA.

To the Moderator and Members of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Your Committee would respectfully report: The question of the relation of the Christian to national life and government which are not Christian has been a difficult one, especially since constitutional government has become the rule among the Western nations. There is no nation in the world today and also no government which can properly be called Christian and the direct issue which the disciple of Christ has to meet is whether he can consistently vote or hold office in these unrighteous systems. It is the belief of your committee that loyalty to Christ demands that the Christian should be a dissenter in an unrighteous nation of which he is a citizen and maintain his seperation from unrighteous systems of government.

The immediate question which your committee had referred to it relates to the political situation in certain provinces of Cananda. In some of the Northwestern districts, where immigration from United States has assumed large proportions, it has been provided by law that the only necessary qualification for voting is that one should be a taxpayer in the precinct in which he votes. This legal provision allows an alien to vote on any matter submitted to the electors.

For officials in all parts of Canada the qualifications are more exclusive. In all cases the official must be a British subject, which implies acceptance of the British constitution. Also in all cases he must take an oath to perform faithfully the duties of his office. In most of the provices it appears that in addition to the qualifications already mentioned, the candidate must take the oath of alligance. But in Saskatchewan for instance, the candidate for certain municipal offices is not required to take an oath of allegiance. The question before your committee is in regard to the duty of the Christian voter under such circumstances. The questions relating to it in Committee seems to demand a general statement of the Covenanter position on voting.

Your committee would, therefore, propose the following resolutions:

1. The Covenanter Church maintains her position of dissent in each nation which is not Christian and of separation from each government not recognizing the authority of Jesus Christ as King and the Bible as the standard for the decision of the moral questions arising in political administration.

2. The British nation and the United States are not Christian in their constituted governments nor truly Christians in national life.

3. Covenanters living in either country can not consistently take the oath of allegiance, or perform any civil act which will not harmonize with dissent from the nation in its attitude to God and with separation from the government which the nation has constituted.

4. A Covenanter can not consistently vote for any official who is required by law to take an oath of allegiance to an immoral constitution of government, or may he hold an office for which an oath of allegiance is required by law.

5. The cases in which an oath of allegiance is not required by law far holding office are covered by a deliverance of the Synod of 1886 which we re-affirm. "Even if no oath or promise except that of fidelity is required, his duties are regulated by and instituted for the administration of the laws over which the constitution is supreme, and he is held responsible for their faithful execution by superiors and courts, who are oath-bound to this law and reject the claims of the higher law. The written constitution and laws of this land against which we protect as immoral, so environ and control every civil and municipal office that we can not consistently serve in them."

(2). "On the well-established principle that the voting constituency of an officer are represented and identified with him in his official acts, we cannot vote to elect a man who must take an oath or perform duties which we could not consistently do."

J. M. COLEMAN, Chairman, S. R. McKELVEY,
THOMAS McFALL, A. ALEXANDER.

SUBSTITUTE PROPOSED FOR ITEM 5 ABOVE.

5. With reference to the matter of voting in any of the Provinces of Canada for officers who are not required to take an oath to support an immoral constitution of government and in cases where aliens are allowed to vote, and with reference to the holding of such offices, Synod re-affirms the position of this church in the following terms—Our position of dissent is not violated by voting or holding office when the duties of the office are right in themselves, when they are regulated by no immoral law, and when no oath to an immoral constitution of government is required.

But even when these conditions exist, there may be other conditions which would render the use of the ballot or the holding of office unadvisable. Each particular case must therefore be settled in accordance with the local circumstanes.

R. C. WYLIE.

STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1916

ILLINOIS

CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Elders	Deacons	Inc. in Membership, on Profession	Inc. in Membership, by Certificate	Decrease in Membership, by Death	Dec. in Membership by Dismissal	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Enrollment	Y. P.'s S. Membership	CONTRIBUTIONS: Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Domestic Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Geneva College	Church Erection	Aged People's Home	National Reform	Witness Bearing	Temperance Fund	Ministers', Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Students' Aid	Salary Paid by Congregation	Parsonage	Tithes	Miscellaneous	Literary	Total
Bethel	H. G. Foster	Sparta, Ill.	4	5	4	7	2		77		141	32	$ 20	$ 13	$ 19	19	18	2	1	21	1		21	6	4	1		*$950	Yes	40	$ 656		$1752
Bloomington	J. M. Coleman	123E.8th St. Bloomington, Ind.	5	8	1	1	1	2	119	1	215	35	196	144	73	41	70	42	20	25	22	14	36	174	14	63		1200	No	79	548	12	2694
Church Hill		C. R. Woodside, Coultersville, Ill.	2	3			1		40		35	10	5					10												10	386		401
Oakdale	W. O. Ferguson	Oakdale, Ill.	7	7	2	1	2	4	151		160	30	180	117	86	44	20	59	10	17	7	10	60	17	9	6		900	No	35	376		1918
Old Bethel	M. M. Robb (State Supply)	Houston, Ill.	5	4		1	2	20	92		85	20	89	26	10	29	19	5	4	17	13			19	5				Yes	63	1571		1807
Princeton	M. S. McMillan	738 E. State St., Princeton, Ind.	3	4	3		1		59	6	69	30	69	51	25	18	18	17	5	6		5	12	12	7	6		800	Yes	29	558		1609
Selma	S. F. Kingston	822 Union St., Selma, Ala.	4	4	3		1	1	87	a1	200	51				1				10			4					332		14	222		569
St. Louis		W.J.Smith,110WalnutSt.,St.Louis	2	2			2	7	25		30		68	75	22	10	10	12	3		3	2	5	10	3	6		210			673	2	1114
	G. R. Steele	Bloomington, Ind.																															
	G. A. Edgar	Selma, Ala.																															
		Total	32	37	13	10	12	34	650	8	935	208	627	426	235	162	155	147	43	96	46	31	138	238	42	82		4392	3	270	4990	14	11864

f—Including parsonage. a—1 Adult.

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Greeley	W. S. Wylie, Cor.	Greeley, Colo.	4	4	5	3			86		66	33	$ 50	$ 18	$ 6	5		1	2				7		8	4		$1240	No		$ 476	2	$1819
Evans	W. J. Burney	Evans, Colo.	3	3					49		40	16	63	60		11	14	4	3			6	10	3		4		900	No		263		1341
Denver	Jas. Carson, Cor.	15th and Stout, Denver, Colo.	3	3				17	64	3	80	10	67	4		2		7						1		11		1076			531		1699
La Junta	E. A. Crooks	La Junta, Colo.	3	2	2	5	1	3	48	a2	110	12	151	139	48			29										900	No		415		1682
	H. B. McMillan	Greeley, Colo.																															
	Samuel Edgar	Wyman, Ia.																															
	John K. Robb	Tak Hing Chau, China																															
	T. J. Wilson	Boulder, Colo.																															
Congregations, 4. Ministers, 6.		Total	13	12	7	8	1	20	247	5	296	71	331	221	54	18	14	41	5			6	17	4	8	17	4116			1685	2	6541

a—Adult.

IOWA

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Chicago	Thos. C. McKnight	6534 Champlain Ave., Chicago	4	2	3	3	2	15	28	1	172		$ 10	$ 10		10				5				26				$ 970		7	$ 817		$1848
Hickory Prove	D. C. Nichols, Cor.	Albia, Iowa	3	3					a17																			1000	Yes	32	402		1749
Hopkinton	Geo. S. Coleman	Hopkinton, Iowa	7	3			2	1	87	1	50	21	108	56	$ 37	25	18	7	11	8	11	3	28	14	6	11	4	600	Yes	12	287		964
Lake Reno	W. C. Allen	Glenwood, Minn.	4	5	1	3	1	1	73	4	50		10	6	4	10	7	8	6	2	3	3	10	2	2	4		1050	Yes	62	1571		3727
Morning Sun	H. G. Patterson	Morning Sun, Iowa	7	6	1	6	1	6	145	1	110	24	328	220	118	69	70	49	10	35	19	48	52	57	11	20			Yes	3	725		1668
Rehoboth	S. O. Carson, Cor.	Crawfordsville, Ia.	3	2	2		2	5	b30		30		183	94	21	53	31	6	5	12	505	11		9	6	7			Yes	3	725		1668
Sharon	E. L. McKnight	Morning Sun, Ia.	5	6	3	1	1	2	188	c4	200	58	601	372	205	249	269	98	63	74	812	26	120	54	83	53	3	1000	Yes	49	733		4815
Vernon	E. L. Dewey, Cor.	Mukwonago, Wis. R. D. No. 40	2	3					a34																								
Washington	S. E. Greer	321 E. Washington St., Washington, Ia.	4	4	1				57	1	50	18	363	293	80	133	127	62	7	119	11	62	266	6	3	13		1000		22	503		3048
	J. S. McGaw	209 9th St., Pittsburgh, Pa.																															
	R. E. Willson	Southfield, Mich.																															
Congregations, 9.	Ministers, 8.	Total	39	34	11	13	9	30	659	12	662	121	1603	1051	465	549	522	230	102	255	1361	153	476	168	111	108	7	5620	5	187	5038		17819

a—Last report. b—Decrease by correcting roll, 1. c—Adults, 2.

KANSAS

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Beulah	Jas. T. Mitchell	Bostwick, Neb.	3	4	1			1	62	1	50		$ 37	$ 57	$ 7	47	9	8	6	8	7	7	6	7	5	5	5	$1000	Yes	10	$ 300	5	$1526
Billings	J. M. Rutherford	Billings Okla.	4	3	5			1	61	4	60	20	23	22	30	9	10	7	5	6	5	4	6	7	6	6		625	No	18	13		784
Cache Creek	W.W.Carithers,S.S.	Apache, Okla.	3	5	3	1	1	5	105	a13	250	36	150	176	164	100	75	25	15			10		65	35	50			No	17	239		1104
Clarinda	S. J. Johnston b	Clarinda, Iowa	6	5	1		4	5	116	2	170		338	301	230	62	66	116	18	52	46	25	50	57	75	30	21	500	Yes		1260		3247
Denison	Elmer G. Russell	Denison, Kansas	6	6			2		128		143	38	224	210	156	50	39	56	8	45	26	18	17	38	11	17		1000	No	60	420	8	2343
Eskridge	W. A. Aikin	Eskridge, Kansas	7	4	1	5	2	2	116	5	118	25	104	60	10	26	16	19	9	9	107	9	10	10	23	14		800	No	31	461	7	1694
Hebron	J. R. W. Stevenson	Idana, Kansas	2	3	2		1	2	83	7	122	21	67	72	22	20	12	68	4	14	11	4	10	9		7		900	No	33	157		1377
Kansas City	J. M. Wylie	4130 Mercier, Kansas City, Mo.	4	5	3	3	1	2	83		85	25	58	39	100	19	6	3	2		9	3	12	4		2		1400	No	36	526		2183
Long Branch	Paul Coleman	Blanchard, Iowa	5	5				2	93	2	90	25	88	113	26	17		13	12	13	12	9	13	26	5	6	5	900	Yes	20	481	7	1746
Olathe	W. C. McClurkin	521 E. Loula, Olathe, Kansas	7	7	1	2		4	139		138	28	226	201	89	88	59	33	17	41	18	64	44	39	10	25		1200	No	20	754		2908
Quinter	G. M. Robb	Quinter, Kansas	6	5	8	6	2	5	107	a4	115	30	141	158	23	21	29	48	12	20	108	49		6	25	16		700	No	79	387		1743
Stafford	J. D. Edgar	Stafford, Kansas	4	5	14	3		3	69	d15	95	33	39	75	232	9	9	6	3	34	6	2		9	3	6	3	1000	No	55	652		2088
Sterling	J. G. McElhinney	Sterling, Kansas	6	5	10	8	1	2	166	e7	195	79	421	424	136	69	55	73	14	71	34	33	10	39	18	28	15	1200	No	73	1304	45	3989
Superior	F. E. Allen	Superior, Neb.	5	3	2	2		5	75	3	60	25	31	3	6	3	3	7	5	6	2	4	3	5	2	2		1200	No	58	448		1730
Tabor b	T. K. Tippin, Cor.	Idana, Kansas	2	3					40		60																						
Topeka	C. A. Dodds	922 Clay St., Topeka, Kansas	4		5	1		6	76	c2	54	21	122	103	35	28	28	28	12	23	8	6	13	20	48	15		900	Yes	49	661	5	2055
Winchester	D. H. Elliott	Winchester, Kansas	7	7	6	1	2	6	215	a5	258	63	1178	391	42	123	128	73	7	36	14	5	84	21	7	3		1200	Yes	158	1457	7	4776
Wahoo g	S. H. Carlisle, Cor.	Wahoo, Neb.																															
Irving Place Mission	E. C. Mitchell, S. S.	Topeka Kansas									78																				72		72
RobstownMissionSta	W. S. Fulton, S. S	Robstown, Texas	1					3	8	1	20			8	5		3						8					250		5	66		340
Lieb Mission Sta. g.	S. M. McCloy, Cor.	Lieb, Texas																															
	Isaiah Faris	1105 Buchanan, Topeka, Kansas																															
	J. W. Dill	Sterling, Kansas																															
	Geo. R. McBurney	Quinter, Kansas																															
	A. J. McFarland, Jr	Mersine, Asia Minor																															
	J. Ralston Wylie	Lieb, Texas																															
	Owen F. Thompson	Apache, Okla.																															
	S. R. Wallace	Syracuse, N. Y.																															
Congregations, 18.	Ministers, 24.	Total	82	75	62	32	16	54	1742	71	2161	469	3247	2413	1313	691	547	583	149	378	413	252	286	362	273	232	49	14775	5	722	9658	84	35705

a—1 Adult. b—Pastor-elect. c—Adults. d—2 Adults. e—3 Adults. f—Taken from last year's report. g—No report.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA

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St. John		Mrs. Wm. Mullin, St. John, N. B., 154 Waterloo St.	1				1	2	20						$ 15	10	10																$ 35
Barnesville		Wm. Curry, Barnesville, N. B.	2						19		25		$ 8	$ 7				8														37		60
Cornwallis	Thomas McFall	Somerset, Nova Scotia	4				3	1	45		20		41	27	35	27	20	9	8	15		4		5	2	5		$ 400					598
Congregations, 3.	Ministers, 1.	Totals	7				4	3	84		45		49	34	50	37	30	17	8	15		4		5	2	5		400			37		693

NEW YORK

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Barnet	D. C. Faris	Box 38, R. D. 4, Groton, Vt.	5	2		f9	1		59		79		$ 95	$ 19	$ 12	9	9	4	4	2		2	6	5	1	2	2	$ 820	No		$ 464		$1456
Bovina	Thos. E. Graham	Bovina Center, N. Y.	4	3	6	2		1	65	4	67		79	60	33	18	18	11	5	9	11	4	10	17	5	10	5	761	No	22	145		1201
Brooklyn	R. C. Montgomery	251 Putnam Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.	3	2		2			46				40	53	17	9	9	6	3	7	6	4		8	3	6	3	1200	No	18	266		1640
Cambridge	R. C. Reed	28 Maple Ave., Cambridge, Mass.	3	6	2			2	70		86	41	54	64	10	8	8	5		19	75							1300	No	20	567		2110
Coldenham	R. J. Dodds	Walden, N. Y.	3	3					54	2	53		20	18	5	5	10	5				25	5					600	Yes		195		888
1st Boston	W. J. McKnight	200 Willow Av., Somerville, Mass.	4	2				15	70	1	45		122	11	29	6	6	7	1	6	3	5		21	5	5	3	1500	No		419		2149
1st Newburgh	Jno. W. F. Carlisle	Newburgh, N. Y.	4	2	2			2	125	3	120	50	290	166		130	43	37	25		90							1500	No		600		2881
Montclair	A. J. Harding, Cor.	Montclair, N. J.	2	3			1		17	1	39		56	42	25	14	14	9	4	10	9	3		27	4	9			No	6	480	4	710
2d Boston	J. M. Foster	44 S. Russell St., Boston, Mass.	3	4	1			1	66		50		100	20	10	15	6	4	5	10	300	2	150	25	12	4	3	1200	No	10	950		2816
2d Newburgh	J. R. Thompson	Newburgh, N. Y. S	3	3	9	*	3	*	140	*	100	50	*	40	70			10			300		10		10			1200	No	*	360		2000
2d New York	A. A. Samson	1182 Woodycrest Ave., N. Y.	10	7	10	8	4	8	245	5	320	58	1295	958	228	120	138	70	20	105	78	16	115	63	20	45		2500	No	47	4538	19	10328
3d New York	F. M. Foster	305 W. 29th St., New York	7	8	3	2		5	143	8	225		239	134	47	16	23	10	8	22	15	7	11	27	13	10		2500	No		1800		4882
Walton	A. A. Johnston	Walton, N. Y.	6	5			2	1	107	3	129	38	263	180	49	29	25	19	7	54	10	31	33	16	5	17	5	900	No	22	602		2245
West Hebron	S. G. Shaw	West Hebron, N. Y.	3	4				1	31	1	33		16	4	16	4	3	5	3		229		4	3	4			400	No	3	97		788
White Lake	Jno. H. Pritchard	White Lake, N. Y.	3	4			1	2	35	2	95		54		24	13	13	8	4			3	18		4	8		550	No	21	166		865
	Julius Kempf	Tak Hing Chau, South China																															
	Walter McCarroll	Larnaca, Cyprus																															
	Thos. Patton	Morning Sun, Ia.																															
	A. I. Robb	Tak Hing Chau, South China																															
	T. A. Rusk	Shelbourne Ave., Londale, Pa.																															
	R. M. Sommerville	325 W. 56th St., New York																															
Congregations, 15.	Ministers, 20.	Totals	63	58	33	23	12	38	1273	30	1441	237	2723	1769	575	396	325	210	89	244	1126	102	362	212	82	120	21	16931	1	169	11649	23	36959

S—No report this year. f—8 From Byegate (disorganized.)

OHIO

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Belle Center	R. W. Piper	Belle Center, Ohio	3		1	5	1	1	33	1	23	15	$ 63	$ 37				10		5								$ 700	Yes	8	$ 450		$1265
Bellefontaine	J. M. Faris S.S.	119 N. Park Bellefontaine, O.	3		1	6	2	2	29		20	11	56	13	11	6	5	5	3	3	9	4				7	4	305	No	12	350		781
Cedarville		W. R. Sterrett, Jamestown, O.	2				1		30		25	7	28	27	51	16	12	8	5	6	4	5	23	4	6	6			No	10	498		689
Cincinnati	Frederick F. Reade	2315 Wheeler St., Cincinnati O.	3	4	4	1		6	a56	b 2	107	36	72	20	12	2	2			13	5	2	10	16	40	10	4	680	Yes	41	1230		2118
Fairgrove c		J. S. Wylie, Fairgrove, Mich.	3	2					29																					28			
Hetherton	W. G. Robb	Hetherton, Mich.	5	3	1			1	61	b4	80	20	52	24	14	18	8	17	5	9	4	4	2	9	3	5		550	No	24	159		883
Jonathan's Crk.	Wm. C. Coleman	White Cottage, O.	3	2			1	1	37		45		39	37	25	9	11	9	5	8	8	4	12	4	5	4	5	700	No	12	161		1046
New Concord	John Coleman	New Concord, O.	5	4	1	2			65		75		38	28	20	12	13	12	1	9	5	3	9	14	4	5		730	No		842		1745
Ray	D. O. Jack	Ray, Indiana	4.	3	3		3	8	73		70	20	89	102	19	68	30	16	4	52		5	103	7	92	9		840	No	?	340		1776
Southfield	R. E. Willson, S. S.	708 Brown St., Birmingham, Mich.	4	4				2	66	3	34		142	116	64	15	22	27	12	60		7	10	21	11	10		656	No	4	148		1321
United Miami	R. Hargrove	Huntsville, O.	6		6	2	5	8	110	5	125		276	118	42	33	29	28	14	10	6	28	20	17	12	14		800	Yes	?	861		2308
Utica	A. MelvilleThompson	Utica, O.	3	4	2		1		70		62		121	124	26	27	21	47	5	33	7	20	29	21	5	10		1000	No	?	1717		3213
Londonderry d		S. W. Morrison, Freeport, O.																															
Muskingum and Tomica d		John Robison, Dresden, O.																															
		E. C. Mitchell																															
		Lo Ting, South China																															
		T. C. Sproull																															
		7146 Race St., Pittsburgh, Pa.																															
Congregations, 12.	Ministers, 12.	Totals	44	26	19	16	14	29	659	15	666	109	976	646	284	206	153	179	54	208	48	82	218	113	178	80	13	6961	3	139	6746		17145

a—Discrepancy due to error in previous report. b—Adults 1. c—From last year's report. d—Mission station.

PACIFIC COAST

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Content	W. E. Taylor, Cor.	Nevis, Alberta, R. M. D. No. 1	4	3	1			1	20	1	30		$ 14	$ 8	$ 9	2	3	1	4	3	5	1		2	1	1		$ 250	No	20	$ 119		$ 423
Hemet	J. S. Thompson	Hemet, Calif.	4	3	1				41	1	40	15	57	62	23	50	17	57	12	15	6	5	16	16	6	10		583	No	19	300		1235
Los Angeles	P. J. McDonald	906 E. 28th St., Los Angeles	4	3	12	5	1	3	104	a12	117	28	301	254	125	68	68	42	21	52	42	29	177	63	21	42	21	1400	No	69	1162		3888
Portland	F. D. Frazer	1206 Haight Ave., Portland	2	2	2	7	1	1	34	2	75	20	48	53	21	16	12	13	6	8	10	6		20	5	7		600	No	16	198		1023
Regina	J. C. French	Regina, Sask.	3	4	2	2		d10	60	b6	58	30			10	5	5	5						20					No	25	1345		1390
Santa Ana	G. N. Greer	720 E. 3d St.	3	3		4	2	6	65	1	60	30	41	80	19	12	12	13	6	17	18	7	65	31	13	7		800	No	26	263		1404
Seattle	T. M. Slater	1805 Bellevue Ave.	4	6	5	2	1	6	115	c3	300	35	198	166	71	37	30	32	8	18	6	8	18	34	9	13		1400	No	45	1514		3562
Winnipeg	D. B. Elsey	455 Aikins, St.	4	4	1	1		3	30		28		5	6	6	2	6	4	2	3	4	2	3	3		6		360	No	15	300		712
	J. M. Armour	123 Melrose Ave., Seattle																															
	J. G. Reed	Condie, Sask.																															
Congregations, 8.	Ministers, 8.	Totals	28	28	24	21	5	30	469	26	708	158	664	629	284	192	153	167	59	116	91	58	279	189	55	86	21	5393		235	5201		13637

a—5 Adults. b—1 Adult. c—3 Adults. d—4 by purging roll, 4 absentees. e—No report.

PHILADELPHIA

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First	M. M. Peaese	4322 Larchwood Ave.	6	5	1	6	2	2	178	4	157	40	$ 274	$ 198	$ 74	61	61	46	14	177	26	20	321	40	14	26	13	$2000	No		$2110		$5475
Second	J. C. McFeeters	649 N. 22d St.	4		14	1		28	171	7	258	27	1165	506	541	50	32	40	9	32	20	71	17	28	10	20	9	2000	No	65	1446		5966
Third	F. M. Wilson	2517 N. Franklin St.	6	4	7	8	4	5	196	2	355	57	742	1622	2089	172	171	155	49	704	950	72	450	146	61	97		2500	No	85	3878		13858
Jewish Mission Station	R. A. Blair	4031 Locust St.						2			75	30	10	10				195													10		225
Congregations, 3.	Ministers, 4.	Totals	16	9	22	15	6	37	545	13	845	154	2191	2336	2704	283	264	436	72	913	996	163	788	214	85	143	22	6500		150	7444		25524

ROCHESTER

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Almonte	Jas. McCune	Almonte, Ont.	4	4		1	1		69	1	65		$ 466	$ 145	$ 46	41	34	23	12	21	16	19	9	26	12	18		b$800	Yes	60	$ 390		$2078
Lisbon	Wm. Robson, Cor.	Lisbon N. Y.	3	1	3				27	*3	20		15	16	4	3	4	2				5		3		3		a312	Yes	2	37		404
Lochiel	J. R. Latimer	Glen Sanfield, Ont.	4	2			3	1	26		22		73	68	91	21	21	12	3	7				20	2	8		b500	Yes	4	c120		946
Syracuse	A. A. Wylie	109 Dougal St., Syracuse, N. Y.	4	3	1	1	2	1	55		95	35	70	55	128	14	10	29	5	10	7	5		6	5	6	3	1200			502		2055
York	W. J. Sanderson	York, N. Y.	5	4		1	2	7	79		80	32	146	79	56	53	32	25	7	36	15	9	23	14	7			800	Yes	10	510		1812
	J. B. Gilmore	Beaver Falls, Pa.																															
	Wm. McFarland	204 W. Lafayette St., Syracuse																															
Congregations, 5.	Ministers, 6.	Totals	20	14	4	3	8	9	256	4	282	67	770	363	325	132	101	91	27	74	38	38	32	69	26	35	3	3612	4	76	1559		7295

*—Adults 2. a—Stated Supply. b—Including manse. c—$74 for the B. F. B. Society and $15.62 for Armenian sufferers. d—No report and taken from last year's report up to May 15.

PITTSBURGH

CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Elders	Deacons	Inc. in Membership, on Profession	Inc. in Membership, by Certificate	Decrease in Membership, by Death	Dec. in Membership by Dismissal	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Enrollment	Y. P.'s S. Membership	CONTRIBUTIONS: Syrian Mission	Mission in China	Domestic Mission	Southern Mission	Indian Mission	Jewish Mission	Theological Seminary	Geneva College	Church Erection	Aged People's Home	National Reform	Witness Bearing	Temperance Fund	Ministers', Widows' and Orphans' Fund	Students' Aid	Salary Paid by Congregation	Parsonage	Tithers	Miscellaneous	Literary	Total
Adamsville and Middletown	R.J.McCracken,Cor.	R. D. 49, West Sunbury, Pa.	2						h20																								
Allegheny	W. J. Coleman	1205 Boyle St., N. S., Pitts'bg	5		2	4	3	4	131	1	250	50	$ 448	$ 389	$ 614	121	235	74	31	103	61	530	7	167	34	61		$2000	No	75	$1621	31	$6527
Bear Run and Mahoning	Jas. Graham, Cor.	Lockvale, Indiana Co., Pa.	6				1	2	41		30		55	13	11	18	18	11	5		280		1	5	8		226	Yes	12	33		684
Beaver Falls	J. Boyd Tweed	1001 8th Ave., Beaver Falls, Pa.	5	5	3	3	1	2	108	1	250	47	31	45	14	7	18	14	6	17	10	13	21	22	3	8		1000	No	6	573		1801
Brookland	Robt. Park, S. S.	Parnassus, Pa.	2			1	1	1	18	1	10				1	1	1	1	1					2				150	No		51		203
Central Allegheny	Dr. W. Russell	Bessemer Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.	3				5	6	92	2	65	12	50	108	92	12	55	8	5	10	106	3	6			8		a800	No		1107		2370
Clarksburg	Robt. Henry, Cor.	Saltsburg, Pa.	2	2					h12																								
College Hill	R. H. Martin	3400 4th Ave., Beaver Falls, Pa.	6	4	2	7	3	6	172	b2	304	55	334	194	205	37	87	39	8	95	12	10	383	11	84	11		1500	No	25	1458	10	4498
Connellsville	S. B. Houston	603 Morrell Ave., Connellsville	2	4	5	1			34	7	97	49	6																				
Geneva	J. C. Slater	415 31st St., Beaver Falls, Pa.	5	8	9	1	2	15	90	b6	180	30	248	31	68	22	15	26	7	2	1319	15		18	6	34		1200	Yes	32	547		3558
East End	E. K. Patton	417 Selma St., Pittsburg Pa.	5	7			1	c7	70	2	105	12	35	104	34	25	37	15	6	18	12	10	62	16	5	9	1	1200	No	15	769	5	2363
Faith	T. S. Trumbull, Cor.	2222 Farmers Bank Bldg., Pittsburg, Pa.	2	2	4	1			32	2	346	35	40	52	236		5						[illegible]	[illegible]						3	1272		1605
Little Beaver	E. M. Elsey	New Galilee, Pa.	4	4		1		1	eG1	3	51	18	10		18	20	12						56	6				900	Yes		482		1504
McKeesport and Monongahela	Chas.McCartney,Cor	McKeesport, Pa.	2						21																								
Mercer	W. T. K. Thompson	240 S. Erie St., Mercer, Pa.	4	5	2		4	3	59		52		83	61	44	13	31	8	5	13	5	6	5	10	5	7	5	725	No	23	202		1228
Miller's Run	S. G. Conner	R. D. 4, McDonald, Pa.	3		1		1		48		45		242	111	142	78	81	22	22	28	22	9	64	34	11	22		800	No	15	237		1923
New Alexandria	D. C. Matthews	New Alexandria, Pa.	7	3	10	1	3	4	108	d2	125	30	173	188	112	603	50	40	12	22	20	46	30	26	13	21	15	1000	Yes		383		2254
New Castle	W.A.McClelland.Col	614 Chestnut St., New Castle, Pa.	4	7	3		2	12	160	b5	173	40	233	126	92	98	69	70	16	39	143	14	106	20	9	20	12	1350	Yes	40	899		3316
North Union	D. N. Crowe	R. D. 29, Renfrew, Pa.	3					2	14													10								2	97		107
Oil Creek	S. J. Crowe	318 Shaw St., New Castle, Pa.	1	1			1		7														88					100			58		246
Pine Creek	A. Kilpatrick	Valencia, Pa.	2				2		15	1	28		27	19	13	6	7	7	5	5	5	3	9	6	3	7		250	No	15	110		483
Union	A. Kilpatrick	Valencia, Pa.	3	3	2		2		50	4			32	30	30	19	20	7	8	5	2	19	10	1	4	8		290	Yes		120		603
Rehoboth	S. J. White, Cor.	Mosgrove, Pa.	3				2	1	22	1	22		10				2				50							200	No				262
Parnassus	Robert Park	Box 141 Parnassus, Pa.	6	3				4	77		94	20	110	71	73	5	53	50	5	15		7	45	9		8		1200	Yes		633		2284
Pittsburg	T. H. Acheson	117 W. McIntyre, N. S., Pittsb'g.	5	6	4	1	3	7	186	4	60	50	471	440	512	135	187	63	44	210	1424	363	1002	18	7	40		2000	No	20	4452		11368

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Slippery Rock	S. B. McElwain, Cor	R. D. 3, Portersville, Pa.	3	2			1		41	1	52	10																	Yes	12	442		442
Wilkinsburg	R. J. G. McKnight	810 S. Ave., Williamsburg, Pa.	4		1	3	1	10	145	1	f177	50	478	500	282	115	220	88	35	89	70	32	199	107	39	70	35	1900	Yes		4652		8911
Youngstown	J. M. Johnston	7 N. Forest Ave., Youngstown, O.	3	3		1		1	63		127	16	g22				12					1	2		12			850	No	40	541		1440
	R. C. Allen	Grove City, Pa.																															
	T. J. Allen	Beaver Falls, Pa.																															
	J. C. K. Faris	258 Alice St., SS, Pittsb'g, Pa.																															
	W. H. George	Beaver Falls, Pa.																															
	W. P. Johnston	Beaver Falls, Pa.																															
	Geo. Kennedy	Beaver Falls, Pa.																															
	J. S. Martin	Beaver Falls, Pa.																															
	D. C. Martin	401 N. Highland Ave., Pittsb'g.																															
	T. A. McElwain	R. D. 6, New Castle, Pa.																															
	A.J.McFarland,Sr.	Beaver Falls, Pa.																															
	R. J. McIsaacs	Beaver Falls, Pa.																															
	J. L. Pinkerton	Waupaca, Wis.																															
	B. M. Sharp	408 Penn. Bldg. Pittsburg, Pa.																															
	J. S. Stewart	Latakia, Syria																															
	D. R. Taggart	Tak Hing Chau, China																															
	D. B. Willson	BeunaVistaSt.,NS.,Pittsb'g,Pa.																															
	J. R. Wylie	Beaver Falls, Pa.																															
	R. C. Wylie	119W.McIntyre,NS,Pittsb'g,Pa.																															
	I. A. Blackwood	2767 Zephyr St., Pittsb'g, Pa.																															
	Robert Clarke	Beaver Falls, Pa.																															
	P. P. Boyd	6842McPhersonSt.,Pittsburg																															
	John Yates	Harrisburg, Pa.																															
Congregations, 28.	Ministers, 39.	Totals	102	69	48	25	39	88	1897	46	2643	524	3138	2482	2613	835	1215	523	221	671	3541	1091	2095	474	240	342	68	19941	9	336	20854	46	60410

a—For six months. b—One adult. c—4 by purging roll. d—Adults. e—Discrepancy in last year's report. f—10 Chinese. g—Syrian relief. h—Last year's report.

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Colorado	4	6	13	12	7	8	1	20	247	5	296	71	$ 331	$ 221	$ 54	$ 18	$ 14	$ 41	$ 5			$ 6	$ 17	$ 4	$ 8	$ 19		$4116			$1685	2	$ 6541
Illinois	8	8	32	37	13	10	12	34	650	8	935	208	627	426	235	162	155	147	43	96	46	31	138	238	42	82		4392	3	270	4990	14	11864
Iowa	9	8	39	34	11	13	9	30	659	12	662	121	1603	1051	465	549	522	230	102	255	1361	153	476	168	111	108	7	5620	5	187	5038		17819
Kansas	18	24	82	75	62	32	16	54	1742	71	2161	469	3247	2413	1313	691	547	583	149	378	413	252	286	362	273	232	49	14775	5	722	9658	84	35705
New Brunswick and Nova Scotia	3	1	7			4	3	84		45			49	34	50	37	30	17	8	15		4		5	2	5		400			37		693
New York	15	20	63	58	33	23	12	38	1273	30	1441	237	2723	1769	575	396	325	210	89	244	1126	102	362	212	82	120	44	16931	1	169	11649		36959
Ohio	12	11	44	26	19	16	14	29	659	15	666	109	976	646	284	206	153	179	54	208	48	82	218	113	178	80	13	6961	3	139	6746		17145
Pacific Coast	8	8	28	28	24	21	5	30	469	26	708	158	664	629	284	192	153	167	59	116	91	58	279	189	55	86	21	5393		235	5201		13637
Philadelphia	3	4	16	9	22	15	6	37	545	13	845	154	2191	2336	2704	283	264	436	72	913	996	163	788	214	85	143	22	6500		150	7444		25524
Pittsburgh	28	38	102	69	48	25	39	88	1897	46	2643	524	3138	2482	2613	835	1215	523	221	671	3541	1091	2095	474	240	342	68	19941	9	336	20854	46	60410
Rochester	5	6	20	14	4	3	8	9	256	4	282	67	770	363	325	132	101	91	27	74	38	38	32	69	26	35	3	3612	4	76	1559		7295
Totals	113	135	446	362	243	166	126	372	8481	230	10694	2118	16319	12370	8902	3501	3479	2624	829	2970	7660	1980	4691	2048	1102	1252	227	88641	30	2284	74861	146	233592

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